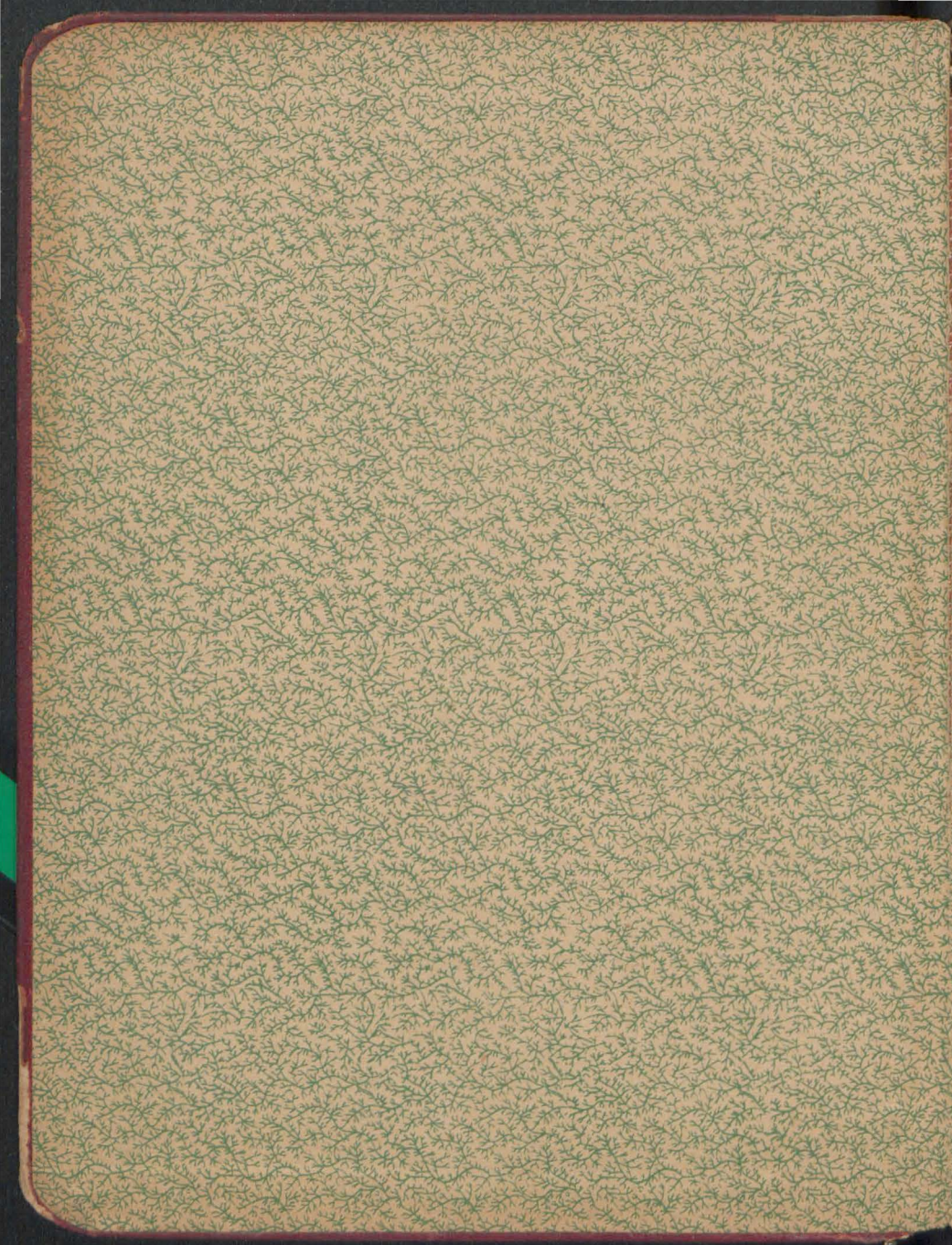
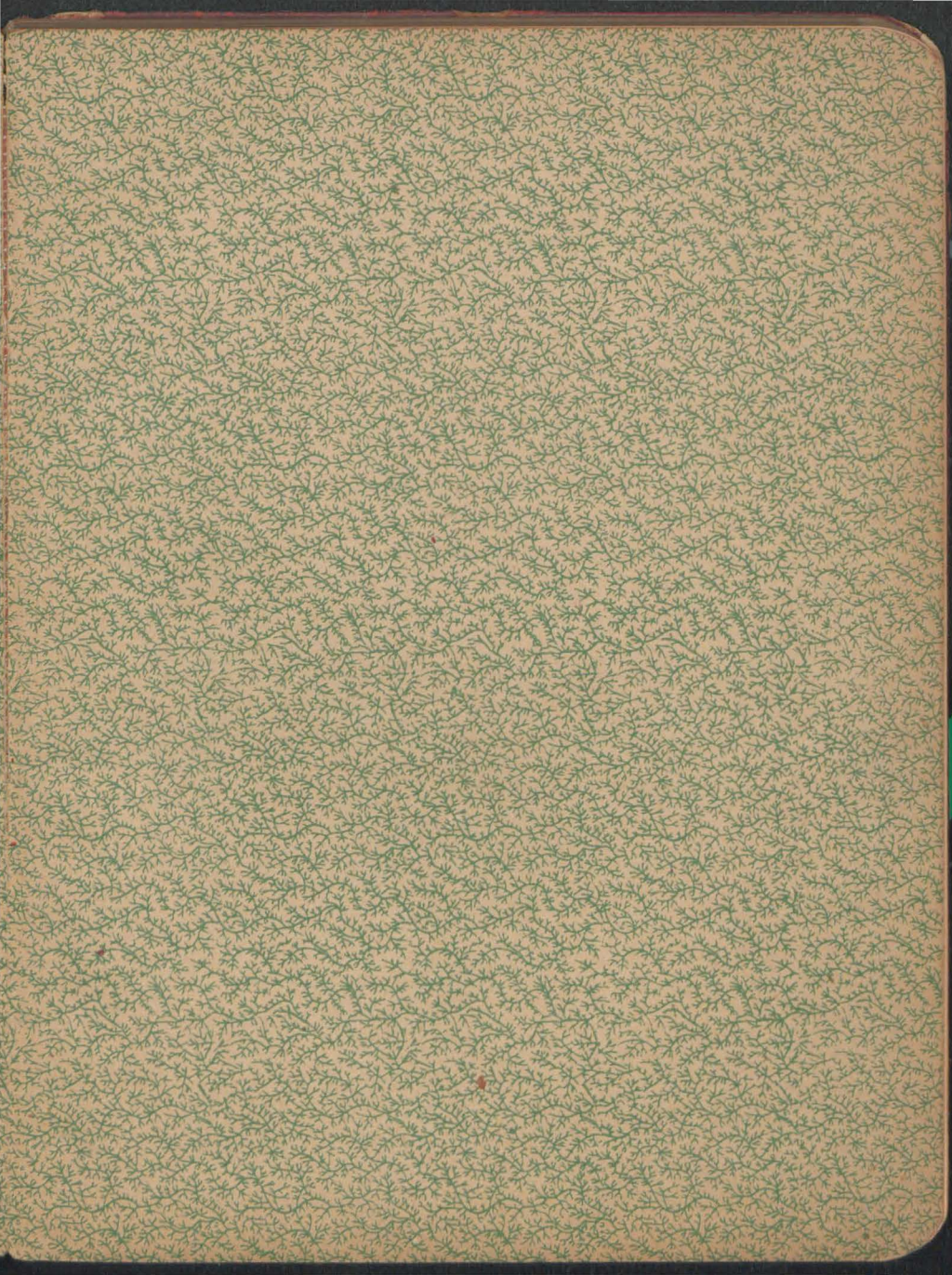


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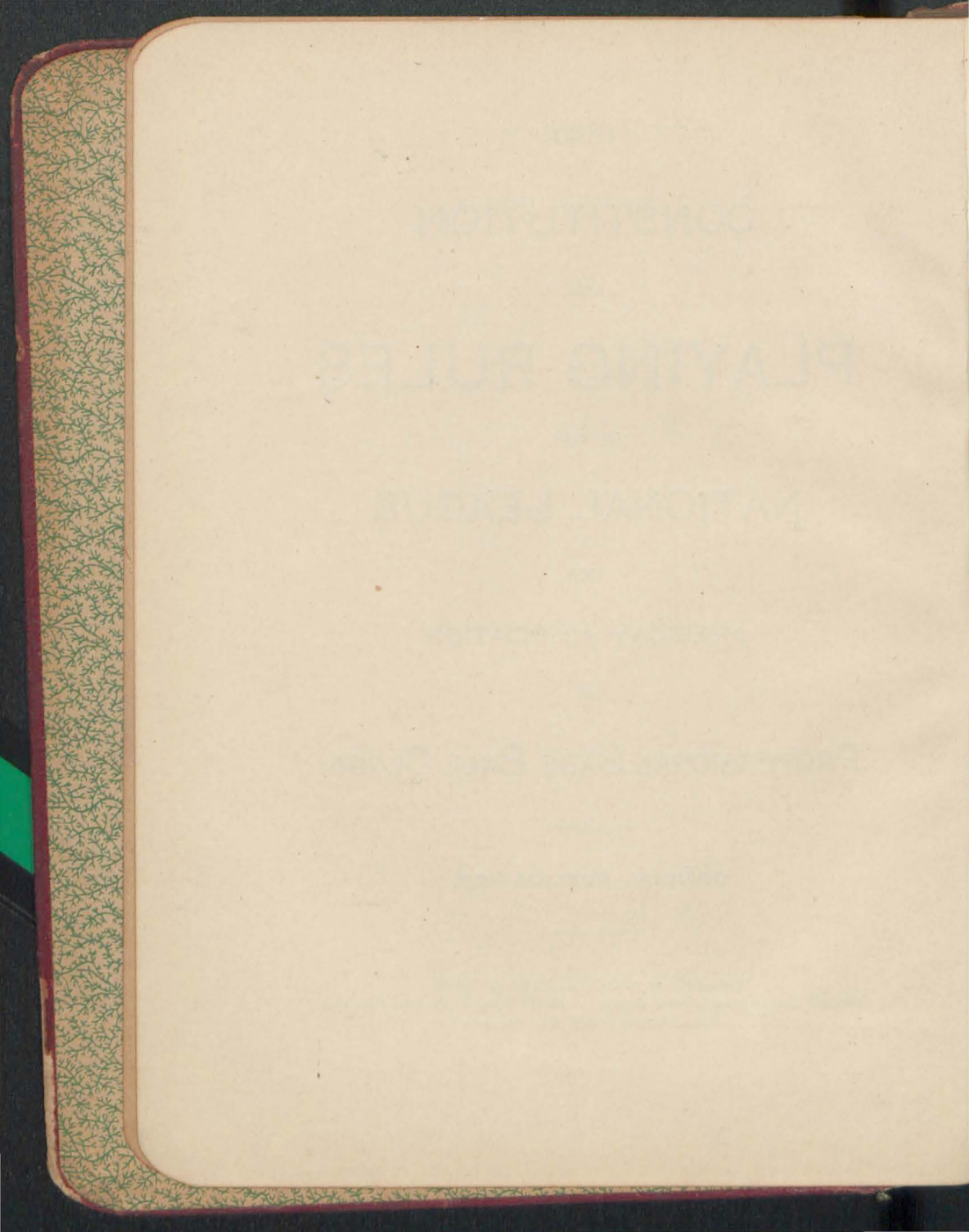


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NAME.

SECTION 1. (1) This Association shall be called THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS.

OBJECTS.

SEC. 2. The objects of this League are :

(1) To perpetuate base ball as the National game of the United States, and to surround it with such safeguards as to warrant absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.

(2) To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players, and

(3) To establish and regulate the base ball championship of the United States.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 3. This League shall consist of twelve clubs (*the membership of which shall not be increased or diminished for a period of ten years*) located in the following named cities, to wit : Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Louisville, Cleveland and Chicago, or such other clubs as may, from time to time, be elected to membership as may be hereinafter provided for, *but in no event shall there be more than one club in any city.*

WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 4. Any club member of this League finding itself unable to meet the obligations it has assumed shall have the right to ask the League for permission to dispose of its rights and franchises as a member of this League to some other city

or organization. In the event of this League giving its consent to the acceptance of such city or organization to membership, such club member shall be admitted to membership, providing said club shall assume, together with the rights and franchises of said retiring club, all the liabilities, responsibilities and obligations entered into by said retiring club, as a member of this League. Provided, however, and it must be so understood by the retiring and the new member, that the retiring club shall not be relieved or released from any contracts, responsibilities or obligations entered into by it to this League until all of said contracts, responsibilities and obligations have been fully paid and determined by the club accepting its membership, rights, franchises, etc.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 5. No club shall be admitted unless it shall first have delivered to the Secretary of the League a written application for membership, signed by its President and Secretary, accompanied by documents showing that such club bears the name of the city in which it is located, and that it is regularly organized and officered, and, where the State law permits it, chartered. Such application shall at once be transmitted by the Secretary to the Board of Directors, who shall immediately investigate and report upon said application, said report to be communicated to the League through the Secretary.

SEC. 6. The voting upon an application for membership shall be by ballot, a three-fourths vote being requisite for election.

IN REGARD TO VACANCIES.

SEC. 7. In case a vacancy occurs in the membership of this organization during the championship season the President shall nominate to all the clubs all applicants for membership, and the vote thereon may be taken by telegraph or mail, as occasion may require, and a majority of all the clubs will be required to admit any applicant to membership. Such membership, however, shall continue only until the next annual meeting, but such club shall be subject to all the rules and requirements of this organization.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 8. The membership of any club may be terminated—

(1) By resignation duly accepted by a three-fourths vote of all the clubs in meeting duly convened, as provided in Section 4.

(2) Failure to present its nine at the time and place agreed upon to play any championship game, unless caused by unavoidable accident in traveling.

(3) Allowing open betting or pool selling upon its grounds or in any building owned or occupied by it.

(4) Playing any game of ball with a club that is disqualified or ineligible under this Constitution.

(5) Offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or failing to immediately expel any player who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon.

(6) Disbandment of its organization or team during the championship season.

(7) Failing or refusing to fulfil its contractual obligations.

(8) Failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement of the Board of Directors.

(9) Wilfully violating any provision of this Constitution or the legislation or playing rules made in pursuance thereof, or any violation of the provisions of the National Agreement.

THE EXPULSION OF CLUBS.

SEC. 9. To carry into effect the provisions of Section 8 of this Constitution, the facts in any case covered by such section must be reported to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once notify, by mail or telegraph, the party charged with the specified default or offense, inquiring whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged. In case the facts are disputed, the Board shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe, and their finding shall be final and conclusive on all parties except in case of expulsion, when such finding shall be forwarded to each club, which shall transmit to the Secretary written ballots "For Expulsion" or "Against Expulsion"; and if all clubs vote "For Expulsion" the Secretary shall notify all clubs of the forfeiture of membership of the party charged.

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

SEC. 10. (1) Each club shall pay to the Secretary on or before the first day of April of each year the sum of \$100 as annual dues; and such other sums as from time to time may be assessed for the payment of salaries of officers and umpires, and for such other expenses as may be incurred by order of this League or the Board of Directors. Also all fines and penalties imposed by said League or its Board of Directors upon a club or upon any club officer, player, manager, scorer, or other employe when so levied and imposed by virtue of and in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and the playing rules of this League.

THE IMPOSING OF FINES.

(2) Upon conviction of any of the offenses prescribed in Section 8, as causes for expulsion, the Board of Directors may, in the first instance, as a preliminary to, or in lieu of expulsion, impose such a fine as is in their judgment commensurate with the injury; which fine may include a penalty payable to any other club or clubs, as an equivalent for damages sustained for such violation of this Constitution, or of the legislation or contracts made in pursuance thereof.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 11. At its annual meeting the League shall elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Directors. The President shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall report to the Board of Directors any violations of the provisions of this Constitution that may come to his knowledge. He shall be the sole interpreter of the playing rules during the championship season. He shall preside at all the meetings of the League, and at the annual meeting of the League shall act as a schedule committee.

Should the office of President become vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the Board of Directors shall within thirty days elect a President.

SEC. 12. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President and six other members, to be chosen at the annual meeting by ballot, three of whom shall represent the Eastern clubs and three the Western clubs.

QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 13. No person shall be qualified to act as Director who is not an actual member of the club he represents, nor shall any club, under any circumstances, be represented by more than one person on the Board.

DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SEC. 14. The Board shall have the general supervision and management of all affairs and business of the League, and shall be individually answerable to the League for the faithful discharge of their trust.

SEC. 15. The Board shall meet annually on the morning of the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday in November, at 9 o'clock, at the place where the annual meeting of the League is to be held, but may hold special meetings whenever urgent necessity may require.

SEC. 16. The Board shall prepare a detailed report of all their doings, and present the same in writing to the League at

its annual meeting, which report shall, if accepted, be filed with the Secretary, together with all official papers, documents and property, which may have come into their possession by virtue of their office.

VACANCY IN THE BOARD.

SEC. 17. In case of vacancy in the Board by reason of the death, resignation, absence, or disqualification of any Director, the club of which he was a member at the time he was chosen shall designate his successor, and at once notify the Secretary. But if such vacancy is caused by the withdrawal, disbanding, or disqualification of a club represented on the Board, the Board may fill the vacancy by election in the same manner as provided for the election of Directors in Section 12.

THE SECRETARY'S DUTIES.

SEC. 18. The Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the League, and as such shall be the custodian of all funds of the League; receive all dues, fees and assessments, make such payments as shall be ordered by the Board or by the vote of the League, and render annually a report of his accounts, and shall give such bond, with approved sureties, as the Board may require.

SEC. 19. The Secretary shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League; shall keep a true record of all meetings of the League and the Board; shall issue all official notices, and attend to the necessary correspondence; he shall prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board, and shall be entitled to such books, stationery, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require.

SEC. 20. The Secretary shall keep a record of all infractions of the rules and regulations of the League that may come under his notice, and shall make a report on the same to the Board at its next meeting.

SEC. 21. The Secretary shall receive such salary as the Board, by vote, shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling expenses actually incurred by him in the service of the League; and the Board may exact from him such guarantees for the faithful performance of his duties as they would deem for the interest and safety of the League. At the expiration of his term of office he shall account for and deliver up to the Board all the property and papers which may have come into his hands by virtue of his office.

LAWS GOVERNING EMPLOYES.

INDIVIDUAL CLUB CONTROL.

SEC. 22. Each club belonging to this League shall have the

right to regulate its own affairs, to establish its own rules, and to discipline, punish, suspend or expel its own manager, players or other employes, and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination, but shall include all questions of carelessness, indifference or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interests; not in conflict with any provision of this Constitution; or the playing rules of this League. The President of the League shall have power, upon proper proof, to inflict a fine for any such offenses not exceeding \$200, which fine can only be remitted by the Board of Directors.

CLUB TERRITORIAL RIGHTS.

SEC. 23. Every club of this League shall have exclusive control of the city in which it is located and of the territory surrounding such city, to the extent of five miles in every direction from its corporate limits, and no visiting League club shall, under any circumstances, except with the consent of the local League club, until all League championship games on that ground shall have been finished, be allowed to play any club in such territory other than the League club therein located, nor shall a visiting League club play any game in April with any non-League club within said five miles from the corporate limits of the city in which the League club is located, without the consent of the local League club.

MODE OF CONTRACT.

SEC. 24. Contracts between a club and its players may be either by telegram or writing, to be followed within thirty days thereafter by a contract in the form approved and promulgated by the Secretary to all the clubs.

ON RESERVATION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 25. Each club a member of this League shall be entitled to the right of reservation. On or before the 30th day of September in each year each club shall transmit to the Secretary a reserve list of the players whose services it desires to retain, then under contract to the said club for the current or for any succeeding season or seasons, and in addition thereto the names of such players reserved in any prior annual list who have refused to contract with said club. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with, shall be ineligible to contract with any other club in this League except as hereinafter provided. No club shall have the right to reserve any player when in arrears of salary to him. The Secretary shall promulgate such lists.

MAKING CONTRACTS.

SEC. 26. All contracts between clubs of this League and individual players shall be made through the Secretary, or his duly authorized agent. This League shall adopt such form of contract as it may deem best for the protection of the rights of the parties thereto. All contracts must be approved by the Secretary, and duly promulgated by him. Provided, clubs belonging to this League may contract with players for any period of time that may be mutually agreed upon. The ten days release provided for in the seventeenth paragraph of the League form of contract shall begin to run from the time of notice thereof received by the Secretary of the League, who shall, at once, promulgate the same to all club members. At the expiration of said ten days the player so released shall be eligible to contract with the releasing club, or any other club member.

EXPULSION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 27. Any player, while under contract with or reservation by a League club, who shall, without the consent of such club, enter the service of any other club in any capacity, shall be liable to expulsion by said League club. Whenever a club releases a manager or player without notice, or gives him ten days' notice of release in accordance with the terms of his contract, and whenever it suspends or expels a manager or player, that club shall at once notify the Secretary of this League, stating, in case of release, the date when the same takes effect, and in case of suspension or expulsion, the cause thereof.

NEGOTIATING FOR SERVICES.

SEC. 28. No player, without the consent of the club with which he is under contract or reservation, shall enter into negotiations with any other club for future services, but if such consent be obtained, a player may negotiate for his release, and offer a money consideration therefor, which may be accepted by the said releasing club.

EFFECT OF CLUB DISBANDMENT.

SEC. 29. The disbandment of a League club or its withdrawal from or loss of League membership shall operate as a release of its players from contract and reservation with said club, but the right to contract with and reserve said players shall be subject to transfer to such other club as the League may designate after acceptance of their said services.

ON SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 30. No manager or player who has been suspended or expelled from a League club shall at any time thereafter be

allowed to play with or serve in any capacity any League club (either the one expelling him or any other) unless the term of suspension by the club has expired, or, upon his appeal to this League, such expulsion or suspension shall have been set aside.

PLAYING WITH OUTSIDE CLUBS.

SEC. 31. No game of base ball shall be played between a League club and any other club that has been expelled from membership in this League. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or presenting in its nine a player expelled or under suspension from the League or otherwise rendered ineligible by this League or a club member thereof. A violation of this section shall forfeit the game in favor of the non-offending club, and subject it to such fine as the Board of Directors may impose.

"CROOKEDNESS" AND ITS PENALTIES.

SEC. 32. Any person who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to cause any game of ball to result otherwise than on its merits under the playing rules, or who, while acting as umpire, shall violate any provision of the Constitution, or of the playing rules adopted hereunder, may be forever disqualified by the President of the League from acting as umpire, manager, player or in any other capacity in any game of ball participated in by a League club.

THE UMPIRE AND HIS DUTIES.

THE STAFF OF UMPIRES.

SEC. 33. A staff of League Umpires shall be selected by the Secretary before the opening of the regular season.

(1) They shall be paid such salaries and allowed such expenses as may be mutually agreed upon by contract between them and the Secretary of the League, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the League.

(2) They shall be under the sole control and direction of the Secretary, from whom they will receive all assignments to duty and all instructions regarding the interpretation of the playing rules, and the Secretary shall prescribe a proper uniform for them, all parts of which shall be worn while officiating as Umpire.

THEIR DUTIES.

(3) In the event of the failure of an Umpire to umpire a game assigned to them, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to provide a substitute to umpire such game, and in such case there shall be deducted from the next annual payment to the League

Umpire the sum of twelve dollars for each game assigned to him, which for any reason he shall have failed to umpire.

(4) It shall be the duty of an Umpire to enforce the rules as they are written, regardless of his personal opinion as to their merit. This shall especially apply to Rule 52, and Section 3 of Rule 54, and Section 1, Rule 59, and in the event of his failure to enforce these rules he shall be fined \$25 for the first offense and \$50 for the second offense, upon the sworn statement of the Captain of one of the opposing teams and two reputable witnesses, which affidavits must be forwarded to the League Secretary within twenty-four hours of the offense.

(5) It shall be the duty of each League club to accept as umpire for any championship game such League Umpire or substitute as the Secretary shall assign to such game, and only in the event of the failure of the League Umpire or substitute so assigned to appear at the hour appointed for the beginning of such game, shall the duty devolve upon the home club to designate an Umpire for such game.

THEIR REMOVAL.

(6) Any League Umpire shall be subject to removal by the Secretary at any time, and in the event of the resignation, removal or expulsion of any League Umpire the Secretary shall have power to appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy thus created.

CAUSE FOR EXPULSION.

SEC. 34. Any League Umpire who shall in the judgment of the President of the League be guilty of ungentlemanly conduct, or of selling or offering to sell a game of which he is Umpire, shall thereupon be removed from his official capacity and placed under the same disabilities inflicted upon expelled players by the Constitution of this League.

SETTLEMENT OF CLUB DISPUTES.

THE GOVERNING TRIBUNAL.

SEC. 35. The Board of Directors shall be the sole tribunal to determine disputes between clubs; the facts to be submitted, and the dispute adjudicated under such regulations as the Board shall prescribe in each case. The finding of the Board shall be final, and under no circumstances shall be reconsidered, reopened or inquired into, either by the League or any subsequent Board.

SEC. 36. The Board shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a manager or player of another club (prior to the expiration of the championship season) for

conduct in violation of any provision of this Constitution, or prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball, and shall have power to require the club to which such player or manager may belong to discipline him, and upon repetition of such offense to expel him. Provided that such complaint be preferred in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and be transmitted to the Secretary, by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board.

ADJUDICATING COMPLAINTS BY PLAYERS.

SEC. 37. In case a player under contract with a League club shall during a current season prefer a complaint in writing to the Secretary of the League against such a club, alleging that such club is in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due on account of such contract, the Secretary shall at once transmit to the said club a copy of such complaint, and require an answer thereto. On receipt of such answer, or if one week shall have elapsed without the receipt of an answer, the Secretary shall refer the paper in the case to the Board of Directors through its Chairman, and should the Board find the player's complaint sustained, they shall require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of its membership, to pay to the player forthwith the full amount ascertained to be due him. Provided that should the player refuse to serve the club pending action by the Board on his complaint, he will thereby forfeit the benefits of the award, and in such case the Board shall revoke his award.

THE COURT OF APPEAL.

SEC. 38. The Board shall also be the sole tribunal of the hearing of an appeal made by any person who shall have been expelled, suspended, or disciplined by his club. The matter shall be proceeded with in the following manner: Such person shall, within thirty days after the date of the expulsion, suspension, or discipline file with the Secretary a written statement of his defense, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him. The Secretary shall notify the club of the request for an appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the appeal, and at the next annual meeting the club, by its duly authorized representative, and the appellant in person, by attorney or by written statement, shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render their decision, which shall be final and forever binding on both club and player.

SEC. 39. No Director shall sit in the trial of a cause in which his club is interested.

SEC. 40. Any expense of trials or arbitrations shall be borne equally by the parties to the controversy.

ADOPTING PLAYING RULES.

SEC. 41. This League shall adopt such playing rules as it deems best for the conduct of its business.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES.

THE COMPETING CLUBS.

SEC. 42. The championship of the United States, established by this League, shall be contended for yearly by the clubs composing the League.

DURATION OF THE SEASON.

SEC. 43. The championship season shall extend from such date in April or May to such date in September as the League may determine at its stated or special meeting.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.

SEC. 44. Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series between such clubs shall be a game for the championship, and no League club shall lend or exchange players to or with each other for any game played during the championship season. Any violation of this section shall subject each offender to a fine of \$100.

NUMBER OF GAMES.

SEC. 45. Each club shall play twelve or more championship games with every other club, but a tie or draw game or a game prevented by rain shall be played off on the same grounds on a succeeding open date within the dates of the same schedule series between such clubs, or any succeeding series. An open date succeeding any series of games between two clubs shall be considered as belonging to and within the dates of the preceding series, providing such day is not absolutely required by either club to meet its next schedule appointment. In case there is no open date on same ground, such game may be played off on the grounds of the other club on an open date.

SEC. 46. Each club shall have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its grounds, except as otherwise provided in Section 45, and in all the details of such games that do not involve the rights of the visiting club under the playing rules, but relate solely to such games as attractive exhibitions to the patrons of the home club, the visiting club shall defer to the wishes of the home club, pro-

vided, nevertheless, that the home club shall not be permitted to change the usual hour for the commencement of scheduled games in its particular city more than thirty (30) minutes without first having obtained the consent of the visiting club thereto, under a penalty to the visiting club of \$500. And the visiting club shall furnish to a person designated by the home club the batting order of its nine by 10 o'clock on the morning of the day of each game, or the evening previous, if requested. In case of the failure of any visiting club to furnish the batting order of its nine as herein stipulated, it shall forfeit the sum of \$10, which amount shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of the League, upon the receipt of notice from him of the infliction of such fine, which notice shall be given by the Secretary upon receipt of complaint from the home club.

It shall be the duty of the home club to furnish the manager and captain of the visiting club with a list of the batting order before the commencement of the game under similar penalties for default as herein prescribed. The visiting club shall have the right to practise its nine on the grounds of the home club between 11 and 12 o'clock A. M. on each day of its visit during the championship season.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE.

SEC. 47. All championship games shall be arranged in a written schedule prepared by the Schedule Committee, and reported to and adopted by the League by a three-fourths vote before the beginning of the championship season. The schedule shall provide for an equal number of return games, and specify the date of each game and the date of each series of games. No date in said schedule shall subsequently be changed, except (1) by written agreement of two clubs from a date fixed by the schedule for a game between such clubs to another day prior to the first and subsequent to the last date of the same schedule series between such clubs; or (2) as provided in Sec. 45; or (3) by the written consents of three-fourths of all the League clubs.

Any club or clubs violating this section shall be amenable to a penalty of \$1,000. This to apply to the clubs so playing. Said penalty to be paid within forty-eight hours to the Treasurer of the National League and American Association, or if not so paid to be withheld from any funds to their credit in the hands of the Treasurer. All games played in violation of this section shall not count in the championship series.

THE ADMISSION FEES AND RECEIPTS.

SEC. 48. The general admission fee to all championship

games shall be fifty cents (50), but each club shall designate a part of its grounds, and provide seats thereon, the admission fee to which shall be twenty-five (25) cents, and all division of percentages shall be made on the basis of fifty (50) cents, except as to that part of the grounds the admission fee to which is fixed at twenty-five (25) cents, and as to such part of said grounds all division of percentage shall be on the basis of twenty-five cents.

At the conclusion of each championship game the home club shall deliver to the manager of the visiting club (and shall transmit by mail to the President or other designated official of the visiting club a duplicate of the same) a statement of the receipts of said game, which must include all fifty-cent and twenty-five cent admissions, and shall pay to the visiting club fifty per centum of said receipts.

SEC. 49. Out of the funds of this League now in the hands of the Secretary he shall create a Sinking Fund not to exceed \$12,000, which shall be invested in Government bonds. All other funds shall be placed in the treasury to meet current expenses.

THE TURNSTILE COUNT.

SEC. 50. The number of persons admitted to the grounds shall be determined by the use of the necessary number of self-registering turnstiles, the arms of which shall extend within four inches of a dividing partition, the keys of which shall be delivered to the agent of the visiting club before the opening of the grounds for each game; and said agent of the visiting club shall have full access to such turnstile, and the box of such turnstile shall not be removed until after the close of the seventh innings, and in case a carriage gate is used a ticket for each person admitted through such gate shall at once be delivered to the agent of the visiting club. No person shall be admitted free to the grounds during or prior to such game or the hour appointed therefor, excepting only players of contesting clubs, policemen in uniform, the umpires and the necessary employes of the home club. The visiting club shall have the right to accept the turnstile count for each and all games, or to count all tickets. Each club shall be required to use for its business a substantial pasteboard ticket, which can be readily counted.

DIAGRAM OF GROUNDS.

SEC. 51. No club shall be allowed to have more than four entrances to its grounds except upon holidays, but for all such days the visiting club shall be given at least ten days' notice of the whole number and location of additional entrances; pro-

vided, however, emergency gates may be opened by consent of the visiting club if occasion requires.

STOPPING PLAY TO CATCH TRAINS.

SEC. 52. On any day when either club is required to leave a city to, or in order to reach another city, where it is scheduled to play its next game, the home club shall be compelled upon proper notice by the visiting club to begin the game three hours and a half before the time of the departure of the last train by means of which either club can reach the next scheduled point in time. And either club may leave the field at any time within one hour of said train time without forfeiting any rights or privileges, provided five innings have been played, and the Umpire shall be the sole judge of the time.

GIVING OUT RAIN CHECKS.

SEC. 53. In the event of a game being stopped by rain before completion of five innings, the home club may issue rain checks, good for any succeeding game. If rain checks are so issued the visiting club shall not be entitled to its percentage of receipts; but if rain checks are not issued, the visiting club shall be entitled to its percentage of receipts, precisely as if the game had been fully played.

ON FORFEITED GAMES.

SEC. 54. A club shall be entitled to forfeited games—to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none—in case where the Umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account of the violation by the contesting club of any section of this Constitution or of any playing rule; and in the event of such forfeiture being caused by the withdrawal of the players during the progress of the game, or by a failure to report with its team at the time fixed for the game, unless written notice has been received from the home club that the game cannot be played, then such forfeiting club shall incur a penalty of one thousand dollars, which shall be payable to the Secretary of the League within ten days thereafter for the use and benefit of the non-offending club, but said fine may be remitted or modified upon appeal to and a hearing by the Board of Directors. In addition to the penalty above referred to, the captain or manager, or the person in charge of the offending team, and responsible for the team leaving the field, shall incur a penalty of one hundred dollars, which shall be paid within five days to the Secretary of the League, said penalty not to be remitted under any circumstances.

ON DRAWN GAMES.

SEC. 55. Drawn, tie and postponed games shall not count in the series as games (but any game of not less than five innings shall be included in the averages), but must be played off, if possible, as provided in Section 45. If they cannot be played off, as therein provided, they may subsequently be played off, if sufficient time exists before the close of the season.

Double games for one admission shall not be permitted until the last schedule series, when they shall be compulsory to the extent of playing off all postponed, tie or drawn games.

WINNING THE PENNANT.

SEC. 56. The club which shall have won the greatest percentage of games in the championship series, shall be declared the champion club of the United States for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same percentage of games, then the Board shall at once arrange a special series of three games between any two of such clubs, such games to be played at the close of the championship season, and the games so played shall be included in the championship record, and counted in determining the award of the championship. In such case only the provisions of this Constitution prohibiting the playing or recording as championship games, games played after the expiration of the championship season, shall have no effect. The emblem of the championship shall be a pennant (of the National colors) to cost not less than one hundred dollars (\$100). It shall be inscribed with the motto, "Champion Base Ball Club of the United States," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was won, and the champion club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing year.

DECIDING THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

SEC. 57. The championship shall be decided in the following manner:

Within twenty-four hours after every match game played for the championship, the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the playing rules, the date, the place where played, the names of the clubs and Umpire, provided that no tie or drawn game shall be considered a game for any purpose except the averages; and provided, further, that in any case where the Secretary shall not receive the score of a championship game within five days after the playing of such game, the club whose duty it is

to forward such score shall pay to the League the sum of \$2 as the penalty of such default.

At the close of the season the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by each club, according to the statement so sent him, which statement shall be the sole evidence in the matter, and submit the same, with the statements so sent him, to the Board, who shall make the award in writing and report the same to the League at its annual meeting.

In making the award the Board shall consider :

(1) The tabular statement of the Secretary.

(2) Forfeited games.

(3) Games participated in by clubs which have withdrawn, disbanded, or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other League clubs ; such games shall be counted to the following extent : The Board shall ascertain the least number of championship games played by such club with any club remaining in the League, and shall from the first game participated in during the championship series by such retired club, count in the series of each League club a similar number of games, and all other games participated in by such retired club shall not be counted in the championship series. Provided, that if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship game with every League club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

ANNUAL MEETING.

SEC. 58. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday in November of each year, at 12 o'clock noon, and at such places as shall have been determined by a vote at the previous annual meeting.

CLUB REPRESENTATION.

SEC. 59. At such meeting each club shall be represented and shall be entitled to two representatives, and to have in addition thereto any of its officers or ex-officers present at such meeting ; but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement as a ball player or manager, and belonging to the nine of said club in such capacity. They shall present a certificate from the President or Secretary of their club, showing their authority to act, but no club shall have more than one vote.

THE LEAGUE SESSIONS.

SEC. 60. This League may, upon a majority vote of its members, elect to go into executive session for the transaction of its

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business, and during such sessions no club shall be entitled to more than two (2) representatives.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 61. Special meetings may be called by the President of this League on his own option or on the written call of six clubs.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SEC. 62. A representation of a majority of clubs shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained.

SEC. 63. The following shall be the order of business, unless suspended by a three-fourths vote of the club members:

1. Reading Minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Report of Committees.
4. Election of new members.
5. Amendment of Constitution.
6. Amendment of Playing Rules.
7. Election of Officers.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 64. (1) The Constitution of this League may be altered or amended by a *three-fourths vote of the League at any annual meeting*, or by a unanimous vote at any other time. Provided, however, that this section and Sections 3, 8, 48 and 49 shall not be altered or amended except by a unanimous vote of this League.

(2) Any section of this Constitution may be suspended or its provision made non-applicable by *unanimous vote at a League meeting*.

NATIONAL AGREEMENT

Of Professional Base Ball Associations Adopted by the National Board of Arbitration February 24, 1896.

NAME.

ARTICLE 1. This instrument shall be called "The National Agreement of Professional Base Ball Associations."

OBJECTS.

ARTICLE 2. The objects of this Agreement are:

1. To perpetuate base ball as the national game of America, and to surround it with such safeguards as to warrant absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.

2. To promote and afford protection to such minor Professional Base Ball Leagues and Associations as may desire to operate under its provisions.

THE GOVERNING POWER.

ARTICLE 3. The governing power under this Agreement, which shall be called "The National Board of Arbitration," shall be vested in five representatives selected by the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs (hereinafter designated the Major League), and such representatives from minor organizations of Professional Base Ball Clubs (hereinafter designated Minor Leagues) as may be admitted to membership by the National Board of Arbitration from time to time under the rules governing membership.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

ARTICLE 4. The annual meeting of the National Board shall be held on the _____ of each year, at which time the representatives elected by the major league shall elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.

DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL BOARD.

ARTICLE 5.—1. The general enforcement of this Agreement, the protection of rights thereunder, the determination of all controversies as hereinafter provided and generally the regulation of all things within the scope of this Agreement are each and severally conferred upon and committed to the National Board of Arbitration.

2. The Board may adopt rules and regulations prescribing the duties of each and all of its members and officers, its methods of procedure and the general transaction of its business.

3. It shall be the duty of the Board and it shall have full and final jurisdiction: To hear and determine all disputes and complaints between associations and clubs; between one club and another, members of different associations; between clubs and players or managers, and, in addition thereto, all disputes and complaints arising under and of all matters involving the interpretation of the National Agreement or the disposition of the rights,

thereunder. Clubs belonging to the same association, by mutual consent, or upon the request of the association to which they belong, may refer any controversy between such club, or in which such clubs are interested, to the Board for decision or adjustment.

POWER TO IMPOSE FINES.

4. In the performance of its duties the Board shall have power to impose fines or penalties upon associations, clubs, club officers, players, managers, scorers and umpires, and to suspend any such organization or person from the protection and privileges of the National Agreement in any instance in which, in its opinion, it or he shall have been guilty of conduct detrimental to the general welfare of the game or in violation of the letter or spirit of the National Agreement.

DECISION FINAL.

5. Its decision shall be final over any and all matters within its jurisdiction.

REINSTATEMENTS.

6. It may reinstate any person or body suspended.

ASSESSMENTS.

7. It shall have power to make such reasonable assessments upon clubs or associations as may be necessary to defray the expenses incidental to the performance of its duties and the enforcement of this Agreement.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

8. It may make all orders, rules and regulations for the performance of its duties and the exercise of its power, and to accomplish the purpose in view, may amend and supplement the same from time to time; provided, notice of all changes, amendments or supplements be given to all organizations party to this agreement.

DECISIONS PROMULGATED.

9. It may cause its proceedings or rulings, or any part thereof, in any case which may be deemed of sufficient importance to serve as a precedent, to be published in such a manner as may be prescribed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

10. Whenever any body or persons shall desire to submit any matter for the consideration of the Board, it shall be presented to the chairman by a concise statement thereof, and accompanied by such evidence as may be in support of such statement. Notice shall be given to any other body or person interested in the matter to make answer and to present appropriate evidence in support thereof.

MINOR LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 6. An application for membership and protection under this Agreement must be made in writing or by telegraph to the Secretary of the Board. If made by telegraph it must state the name of the League, the cities comprising the circuit and have the signature of the President of the League, which must be followed within ten days by a written application to the Sec-

retary of the Board stating the name of the League, the cities comprising the circuit, the representatives of the respective cities, the location of their business offices and playing grounds, if practical, the monthly salary limit for its club teams and maximum monthly salary limit of its players, a pledge or agreement for the maintenance of said salary limit and the faithful performance of its obligations under this Agreement, its own Constitution and By-Laws and its other contractual obligations, which club membership, location of club offices and playing grounds, salary limit, Constitution, Agreements, By-Laws and pledges, shall not, after approval by the Board, be changed, modified, altered or released without the assent of the Board.

CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 7. The Board, upon the receipt of an application for protection and membership under this Agreement, shall, after consideration and approval, determine the class under which the applicant shall be admitted, the said classification to be based upon the average population of the cities composing the League according to the last published U. S. Census preceding the application, and membership fee shall be an amount fixed by the Board for Leagues of that class.

MINOR LEAGUE REPRESENTATION.

ARTICLE 8. Each Minor League shall be entitled to one representative of its own selection, who shall have the right to appear before the Board upon any or all matters pertaining to its interest or welfare, but the Board may, at its discretion, invite additional representation in the adjustment of any matter which may be brought before it.

FEE FOR PROTECTION AND MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 9. The fee for membership and protection under this Agreement, with the right of reservation subject to Articles 10 and 11 shall be:

- For each Club in Class A the sum of \$75.
- For each Club in Class B the sum of \$50.
- For each Club in Class C the sum of \$40.
- For each Club in Class D the sum of \$30.
- For each Club in Class E the sum of \$20.
- For each Club in Class F the sum of \$10.

Such payments to be made within thirty days from the date of filing the written application for membership.

SELECTION OF PLAYERS BY THE MAJOR LEAGUE.

ARTICLE 10. For the purpose of enabling players to advance in their profession, the Major League may, at any time after the first of October of each year, and prior to the first of January following, with the consent of the Board, negotiate with any player then under contract or reservation to a minor league under this Agreement, and shall have the right to select such player, upon payment to the Secretary of the Board the sum specified in Article 12, provided that no such selection shall be enforced and no transfer of a player shall be made unless he shall receive an increase of salary.

SELECTION OF PLAYERS BY MINOR LEAGUES.

ARTICLE 11. For the purpose of enabling players to advance in their profession and to assist in building up clubs of minor leagues, a club of a higher class shall have the right, with the consent of the Board, after January 1 of each year, and prior to the first of February following, to select players from a league in a lower class upon payment to the Secretary of the Board the sum specified in Article 12, provided that no such selection shall be enforced, and no transfer of a player shall be made unless he shall receive an increase of salary.

TERMS FOR SELECTION OF PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 12—SEC. 1. Clubs from a high class selecting players from leagues of a lower class shall pay to the Secretary of the Board for the benefit and account of the club from which the selection is made the following sums, viz.:

For Players in Class A, \$500.

For Players in Class B, \$300.

For Players in Class C, \$200.

For Players in Class D, \$100.

For Players in Class E, \$75.

For Players in Class F, \$50.

SEC. 2. Payments must be made at the time of selection, and unless such payment be withdrawn and the selection cancelled by the selecting club within thirty days from the date of selection, the Secretary of the Board shall remit to the club the amount received by him on account of such selection.

SEC. 3. Any club entitled to make selection of a player and desiring to do so, shall notify the Secretary of the Board stating the name of the player and of the club with which he is under contract and reservation and enclosing amount specified in Section 1, Article 12, to be paid for such release. The Secretary shall thereupon notify the club or league from which such selection is to be made and shall order his transfer to the selecting club. Notice of such selection and transfer shall thereupon be promulgated.

ASSIGNMENT OF UNDEVELOPED PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 13. For the purpose of retaining control of undeveloped but promising players whose releases have been purchased, all Leagues, parties to this Agreement, may, prior to the opening of its championship season, assign its surplus players to a club member of any other League party to this Agreement, upon mutual agreement between the clubs interested; providing no other club member of the League from which the assignment is to be made desires such player at the terms of such purchase. Notice of such transfers and assignments and the conditions governing must be filed with the Secretary of the Board, and the salary of the player must not be less than the salary limit adopted by the league to which he has been assigned.

ART. 14. Any club member of the major league may at any time between April 1 and October 1 negotiate with a club member of a minor league, party to this Agreement, for the release of a player from minor to major

league, to take effect after October 1 of the same year, or for an immediate release if the Constitution of such minor league permits, and such release, if secured, shall, when filed with the Secretary of the Board, become binding upon both clubs party to the transfer.

ART. 15. Any club member of a minor league, party to this Agreement, may at any time during its championship season negotiate for the immediate release of a player from a club member of another league where the league constitution of the releasing club permits, and such release, if secured, shall, when filed with the Secretary of the Board, become binding upon both clubs party to the transfer, providing the salary of the player so transferred during the championship season shall not be reduced during the balance of the season unless he be given an unconditional release.

CONTRACTS.

ARTICLE 16. Contracts between clubs and players shall be in writing in the form approved by the Board. An informal contract, whether evidenced by telegram or other writing, shall be valid for a period not exceeding thirty days, but a formal contract must be tendered by the contracting club to the contracting player within said thirty days. The failure of the club to so tender such formal contract will release the player from all contractual obligations thereunder, and the refusal of the player to execute such formal contract, when so tendered, shall extend the validity of his informal contract until he shall execute said formal contract.

UNLAWFUL CONTRACTS.

ARTICLE 17. No club shall at any time enter into negotiations or contract with any player under contract to or reservation by another club without the latter's consent, under such fines and penalties as the Board may inflict.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 18. Applications for membership by minor leagues desiring protection under this Agreement must be made each year to the Secretary of the Board, as provided in Article 6.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 19. All rights under this Agreement shall terminate on the first day of October unless renewed between the fifteenth and twenty-fifth of September of each year, according to Article 18.

NEW LEAGUES.

ARTICLE 20. Newly organized leagues may ask for and be admitted to membership at any time, but such membership shall terminate on the first of October following unless renewed according to Article 19.

RESERVATION.

ARTICLE 21. On or before the 25th day of September in each year the secretaries of minor leagues, parties hereto, entitled to the privilege of reservation, shall transmit to the Secretary of the Board a reserve list of players, not exceeding fourteen in number, then under contract with each of its several club members for the current season, and in addition thereto a list of such players reserved in any prior annual reserve list who have refused to contract with such clubs and of all ineligible players. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with by

such clubs, are and shall be ineligible to contract with any other club of any league, except as herein prescribed. The Secretary of said Board shall thereupon promulgate such lists, provided that no club shall be permitted to reserve any player while in arrears of salary to him.

RELEASE FROM RESERVATION.

ARTICLE 22. The Board may also release from contract or reservation any player or manager when the club with which he has contracted, or by which he has been reserved, shall be in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due, or when the reserving club has failed to tender to any player, on or before the first day of March, after such reservation, a formal contract, with a salary of at least such an amount per month as the Board may fix as the minimum salary to be paid to such player, or when any such reserving club has transferred its membership after the close of the championship season to a different league, if the Board shall deem that the player will be prejudiced by such transfer.

INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THE NATIONAL AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE 23—SEC. 1. Any club member of any Minor league or association, a party to or identified with the National Agreement, that shall enter into any negotiation to become a member of or in any way co-operate with any organization of professional base ball clubs whose existence will in any manner conflict with the letter and spirit of this Agreement or the interests of any of the clubs operating under it, shall forthwith forfeit all rights and privileges conferred by this Agreement, said forfeiture to include its membership in any association a party to this Agreement, and all rights of reservation to players reserved during the current or any preceding season. The penalty herein imposed shall be positive and final and shall not be revoked unless by the unanimous consent of the Board or upon appeal by a three-fourths vote of the major league.

SEC. 2. Any officer, manager or player who shall enter into any such negotiations as referred to in Section 1 of Article 23, or who shall agree or contract to play with any club a member of such organization shall be declared ineligible and subject to all the disabilities referred to in the preceding section.

DISQUALIFIED PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 24. When a player or manager under contract or reservation by any club of an association party hereto shall be expelled, suspended or rendered ineligible in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or the rules of such association, notice of such disqualification shall be given to the Board by the secretary of the association from whose club the player may have been thus disqualified, and the Board shall forthwith give notice of such disqualification to the several leagues acting under this Agreement. When a player shall become ineligible under the provisions of this Agreement, or by order of the Board, the Secretary of the Board shall notify the several clubs acting under this Agreement of such disqualification. From the receipt of any such notice all club members of associations acting under this Agreement shall be debarred from employing or playing with or against

such disqualified player until the period of disqualification shall have terminated or the disqualification be revoked by the association from which such player was disqualified or by the Board, and due notice of such revocation shall be given by the Board to the said several clubs.

SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 25. Any player who has entered into a contract with any club of an association party hereto may be suspended without pay or fined by such club or association for breach of contract or breach of any of the rules of such club or association, and he shall thereafter be ineligible to sign or play during the remainder of the current season with any of the clubs of any association acting hereunder, unless such disability shall have been sooner removed by the club or association by which he was suspended or by the Board.

ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE.

ARTICLE 26. Upon the release of a player from contract or reservation with any club member of an association then acting under this Agreement (unless the release be made by "selection" under Article 10 or 11), the services of such player shall at once be subject to acceptance by any club belonging to the same association, expressed in writing or by telegraph to the Secretary of the Board, for a period of ten days after notice of said release; and, thereafter, if said services be not so accepted, said player may negotiate and contract with any club. The releasing club shall send notice to the Secretary of the Board of said player's release on the date thereof, and the latter shall promulgate any acceptance of his services. Provided that the disbandment of a club or its expulsion from membership in either association acting hereunder shall operate as a release of all of its players from contract with or reservation by said club. But the services of such players shall at once be subject to the acceptance of such association for a period of ten days for the purpose of supplying the vacancy in its membership.

CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE.

ARTICLE 27. Each association shall have the right to make and enforce all rules and regulations pertaining to the control, discipline and compensation of all players under contract with its club members. And it may prescribe that all contracts with its players shall be made directly with said association, assignable to its club members, with the right of reservation to be exclusively exercised by said association, in which event all the provisions of this Agreement applying to contracts or reservation of players with and by club members, shall apply to such contracts and reservation of players with and by said association; provided that such rules and regulations shall in no way conflict with the provisions of this Agreement, or any rule, regulation or order of the Board.

TERRITORIAL RIGHTS.

ARTICLE 28. Each minor league whose application for membership under this Agreement has been accepted by the Board shall have exclusive control of its own territory until the termination of its membership, and no club from any other league party to this Agreement shall be allowed to play a

game in any city of its circuit without the consent of the club representing such city, nor shall any club member of a minor league party hereto be allowed to play a game within five miles of any city in which is located a club member of the major league without the consent of such club.

INELIGIBLE PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 29. No game shall be played between any club of any league acting hereunder, or any of its players under contract or reservation, with any club containing an ineligible player; nor with a club that has played with another club containing such ineligible player. A violation of this section shall subject each offender to fine, suspension or expulsion, in the discretion of the Board.

TRANSFER OF PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 30. Should a club of any association agree in writing or by telegraph with another club of an association, subject to the National Agreement, for the release of any player then under contract or reservation with or by it, in accordance with the rules governing, either party may file said agreement with the Secretary of the Board, and should any such club refuse to comply with its said agreement, the Board may require said agreement to be complied with, and may transfer the said player accordingly.

PAYMENTS OF SALARIES.

ARTICLE 31. Before any league shall be granted the privileges and protection of this Agreement, it shall enact laws or regulations debarring any of its clubs from entering into contract with any player while under arrears of salary to him, and from suspending or otherwise attempting to disqualify such player for refusing to contract while it is so in arrears, and shall also provide for the expulsion of any club for refusal to pay arrears of salary to a player when required by said league or by the Board.

FORFEITURE OF RIGHTS.

ARTICLE 32. All rights of any league hereunder shall be forfeited for failing to expel any of its club members that may play a game of ball except under the Playing Rules adopted by the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs.

DEFINITION OF TERMS.

ARTICLE 33. The term "league or association" as herein used shall mean and comprise an organization of professional base ball clubs of not less than four clubs, whether known as a "league," "association," or by any other designation.

ARTICLE 34. This Agreement may be altered or amended at any time by the unanimous consent of the Board, or upon the recommendation of any of the parties hereto subscribing. It shall take effect and be in force from and after February 24, 1896. And all former Agreements are hereby revoked.

CLASSIFICATION OF LEAGUES TO BE GOVERNED BY THE AGGREGATE POPULATION OF THE CITIES REPRESENTED.

Class A.....1,000,000	Class D.....100,000 to 250,000
Class B.....500,000 to 1,000,000	Class E.....50,000 to 100,000
Class C.....250,000 to 500,000	Class F—Up to.....50,000

The Rules and Regulations of the National Board of Arbitration.

The following rules and regulations have been adopted by the National Board of Arbitration, and are here given in order that they may be understood by all those interested. The same being adopted and to remain in force until repealed, altered, added to or amended.

THE CHAIRMAN.

1. The duties of the Chairman shall be as follows:

- (a) To issue calls for meetings of the Board, and preside at such meetings; having all powers with reference thereto which are incident to a presiding officer.
- (b) To rule upon and decide all incidental and routine matters presented for determination, with power to delegate this duty to the Secretary or any member of the Board.
- (c) To supervise the performance of the duties imposed upon the other members of the Board.
- (d) To see that each and all of the orders of this Board are complied with.

THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

2. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one and the same person, and the duties of such officer shall be as follows:

- (a) To receive, receipt for and disburse all moneys payable to this Board, and to make all financial statements required by the provisions of the National Agreement.
- (b) To keep the records of the proceedings of the Board, together with all the records required to be kept by the provisions of the National Agreement.
- (c) To issue all notices required by the National Agreement to be issued.
- (d) To give interpretation to the playing rules when requested so to do, pursuant to the provisions of the National Agreement.
- (e) To receive all applications for membership under the National Agreement, and to see that the applicants pay their proper dues.
- (f) To give notice of all fines and penalties imposed by the Board, and to see that the same are paid.
- (g) To attend to such other matters as may be required of him by the Board, and to keep records of all the business and duties connected with the Board.

ELECTIONS.

The Chairman and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually at some meeting after the first of January, and shall hold until their successors are elected and qualify.

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS.

Whenever any controversy or matter to be submitted to the Board of adjustment or decision shall be forwarded, together with all evidence and documents therewith connected, to the Secretary and Treasurer, he shall, after submitting the same to the Board, promulgate or publish the opinion, which must be prepared by the Chairman or such other member of the Board as he shall designate.

SELECTION OF PLAYERS.

Whenever any player shall be "selected" by more than one club, the Board will award him to the club which shall have first filed formal notice with the Secretary that it desires the services of said player. Such notice, however, must be accompanied by the deposit required by the provisions of the National Agreement, otherwise such notice will be of no effect and void. A player so awarded shall be ineligible to sign with any other club, and upon declining to abide by the decisions of the Board, may be included in the regular list of reserved players of the club selecting him, as per the provisions of Article 21 of the National Agreement.

ACCEPTED PLAYERS.

Whenever the services of any player released under the provisions of the National Agreement are accepted by any club or association, authorized so to do by the provisions of such agreement, notice thereof shall be at once given to the Secretary, who shall accordingly promulgate the fact.

PAYMENTS.

All expenses of the Board, including compensation to the Secretary and Treasurer, or to any other agent, officer or member of the Board for special work performed, telegraphing, postage and such other expenses as shall be allowed, must be paid by check of the Secretary and Treasurer and vouchers taken thereof, which vouchers shall be submitted at least once a year to the Board for examination and approval.

THE NATIONAL BOARD

OF

ARBITRATION.

1896.

OFFICE: WASHINGTON, D. C.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

N. E. YOUNG, - - *Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.*

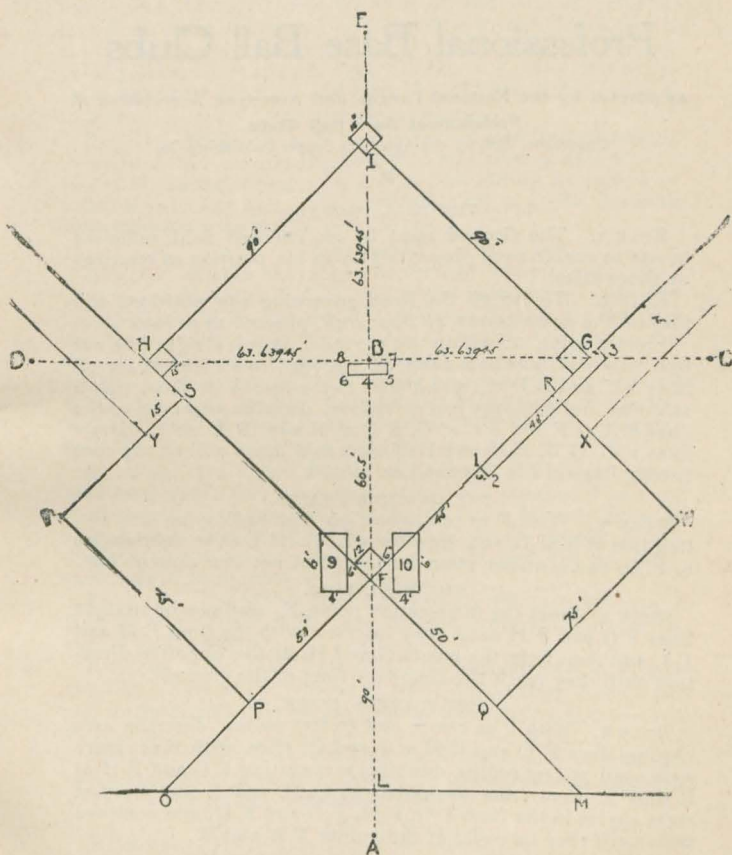
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CORRECT DIAGRAM OF A BALL FIELD.



NOTE.—For Specifications See Rules from No. 2 to No. 12.

THE PLAYING RULES

—OF—

Professional Base Ball Clubs

As adopted by the National League and American Association of
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THE BALL GROUND.

RULE 1. The Ground must be an inclosed field, sufficient in size to enable each player to play in his position as required by these rules.

RULE 2. To lay off the lines governing the positions and play off the game known as *Base Ball*, proceed as follows:

From a point, A, within the grounds, project a right line out into the field, and at a point, B, 154 feet from point A, lay off lines B C and B D at right angles to the line A B; then, with B as centre and 63.63945 feet as radius, describe arcs cutting the lines B A at F and B C at G, B D at H and B E at I. Draw lines F G, G E, E H and H F, and said lines will be the containing lines of the Diamond or Infield.

THE CATCHER'S LINES.

RULE 3. With F as centre and 90 feet radius, an arc cutting line F A at L, and draw lines L M and L O at right angles to F A; and continue same out from F A not less than 90 feet.

THE FOUL LINE.

RULE 4. From the intersection point, F, continue the straight lines F G and F H until they intersect with the lines L M and L I, and then from the points G and H in the opposite direction until they reach the boundary lines of the grounds.

THE PLAYERS' LINES.

RULE 5. With F as centre and 50 feet radius, describe arcs cutting lines F O and E M at P and Q; then, with F as centre again and 75 feet radius, describe arcs cutting F G and F H at R and S; then from the points P, Q, R and S draw lines at right angles to the lines F O, F M, F G and F H, and continue same until they intersect at the points T W and W.

THE CAPTAIN AND COACHERS' LINE.

RULE 6. With R and S as centres and 15 feet radius, describe arcs cutting lines R W and S T at X and Y, and from the points X and Y draw lines parallel with lines F H and F G, and continue same out to the boundary lines of the ground.

THE THREE FOOT LINE.

RULE 7. With F as centre and 45 feet radius, describe an arc cutting line F G at 1, and from 1 out to the distance of 3 feet draw a line at right angles to F G, and marked point 2; then from point 2, draw a line parallel with the line F G to a point 3 feet beyond the point G, and marked 3; then from the point 3 draw a line at right angles to line 2, 3, back to and intersecting with line F G, and from thence back along line G F to point 1.

THE PITCHER'S PLATE.

RULE 8. With point F as centre and 60.5 feet as radius, describe an arc cutting the line F B at a point 4, and draw a line 5, 6, passing through point 4 and extending 12 inches on either side of line F B; then with line 5, 6, as a side, describe a parallelogram 24 inches by 6 inches.

THE BASES.

RULE 9. Within the angle F, describe a square the sides of which shall be 12 inches, two of its sides lying upon the lines F G and F H, and within the angles G and H describe squares the side of which shall be 15 inches, the two outer sides of said square lying upon the lines F G and G I and F H and H I, and at the angle E describe a square whose side shall be 15 inches and so described that its sides shall be parallel with G I and I H and its centre immediately over the angular point E.

THE BATSMAN'S LINE.

RULE 10. On either side of the line A F B describe two parallelograms 6 feet long and 4 feet wide (marked 8 and 9), their length being parallel with the line A F B, their distance apart being 6 inches, added to each end of the length of the diagonal of the square within the angle F, and the centre of their length being upon said diagonal.

RULE 11. The Home Base at F and the Pitcher's Plate at 4 must be of whitened rubber and so fixed in the ground as to be even with the surface.

RULE 12. The First Base at G, the Second Base at E, and the Third Base at H, must be of white canvas bags, filled with soft material and securely fastened in their positions described in Rule 9.

RULE 13. The lines described in Rules 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 must be marked with lime, chalk or other suitable material, so as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire.

THE BALL.

RULE 14. The Ball.* (See Foot Note.)

*The Spalding League Ball has been adopted by the National League for the past nineteen years, and is used in all League contests.

For junior clubs (clubs composed of boys under 16 years of age) we recommend them to use the Spalding Boys' League Ball and that games played by junior clubs with this ball will count as legal games the same as if played with the Official League Ball.

SECTION 1. Must not weigh less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and it must measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. The Spalding League Ball, or the Reach American Association Ball, must be used in all games played under these rules.

SEC. 2. For each championship game two regulation balls shall be furnished by the Home Club to the Umpire for use. When the ball in play is batted to foul ground, and out of sight of the Umpire, the other ball shall be immediately brought into play. As often as one of the two in use shall be lost a new one must be substituted, so that the Umpire shall at all times after the game begins have two balls in his possession and ready for use. The moment the Umpire delivers an alternate ball to the pitcher it comes into play, and shall not be exchanged until it, in turn, passes out of sight to foul ground. At no time shall the ball be intentionally discolored by rubbing it with the soil or otherwise.

SEC. 3. In all games the balls played with shall be furnished by the Home Club, and the last ball in play shall become the property of the winning club. Each ball to be used in championship games shall be examined, measured and weighed by the Secretary of the League, inclosed in a paper box and sealed with the seal of the Secretary, which seal shall not be broken except by the Umpire in the presence of the Captains of the two contesting nines after play has been called.

The Home Club shall have at least a dozen regulation balls on the field ready for use on the call of the Umpire during each championship game.

SEC. 4. Should the ball become cut or ripped so as expose the interior, or in any way so injured as to be, in the opinion of the Umpire, unfit for fair use, he shall, upon appeal by either Captain, at once put the alternate ball into play and call for a new ball.

THE BAT.

RULE 15. The Bat.

Must be made entirely of hard wood, except that the handle may be wound with twine, or a granulated substance applied, not to exceed eighteen inches from the end.

It must be round, and it must not exceed two and three-quarter inches in diameter in the thickest part, nor exceed forty-two inches in length.

THE PLAYERS AND THEIR POSITIONS.

RULE 16. The players of each club in a game shall be nine in number, one of whom shall act as Captain, and in no case shall less than nine men be allowed to play on each side.

RULE 17. The players' positions shall be such as may be

assigned them by their Captain, except that the pitcher must take the position as defined in Rules 8 and 29.

RULE 18. Players in uniform shall not be permitted to occupy seats or to stand among the spectators.

RULE 19. SECTION 1. Every club shall adopt uniforms for its players, but no player shall attach anything to the sole or heel of his shoes other than the ordinary base ball shoe plate.

SEC. 2. The catcher and first baseman are permitted to wear a glove or mit of any size, shape or weight. All other players are restricted to the use of a glove or mit weighing not over ten ounces, and measuring in circumference around the palm of the hand not over fourteen inches.

PLAYERS' BENCHES.

RULE 20. The Players' Benches must be furnished by the Home Club, and placed upon a portion of the ground outside of and not nearer than twenty-five feet to the players' lines. One such bench must be for the exclusive use of the visiting club, and one for the exclusive use of the Home Club. All players of the side at the bat must be seated on their bench, except such as are legally assigned to coach base runners, and also the batsman when called to the bat by the Umpire, and under no circumstances shall the Umpire permit any person, except the club president, managers and players in uniform, to occupy seats on the benches.

THE GAME.

RULE 21. SECTION 1. Every Championship game must be commenced not later than two hours before sunset.

SEC. 2. A Game shall consist of nine innings to each contesting nine, except that

(a) If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings, the game shall then terminate.

(b) If the side last at bat in the ninth innings scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall terminate.

A TIE GAME.

RULE 22. If the score be a tie at the end of nine innings, play shall be continued until one side has scored more runs than the other in an equal number of innings, provided that if the side last at bat scores the winning run before the third man is out the game shall terminate.

A DRAWN GAME.

RULE 23. A Drawn Game shall be declared by the Umpire when he terminates a game on account of darkness or rain, after five equal innings have been played, if the score at the time is equal on the last even innings played; except when the side that went second to bat is then at the bat and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, in which case the

Umpire shall declare the game drawn without regard to the score of the last equal innings.

A CALLED GAME.

RULE 24. If the Umpire calls "Game" on account of darkness or rain at any time after five innings have been completed; the score shall be that of the last equal innings played; except the side second at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the side first at bat, in which case the score of the game shall be the total number of runs made.

A FORFEITED GAME.

RULE 25. A forfeited game shall be declared by the Umpire in favor of the club not in fault, at the request of such club, in the following cases:

SECTION 1. If the nine of a club fail to appear upon a field, or being upon the field, fail to begin the game within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play," at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing or in commencing the game be unavoidable.

SEC. 2. If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, unless such game has been suspended or terminated by the Umpire.

SEC. 3. If, after play has been suspended by the Umpire, one side fails to resume playing within *one minute* after the Umpire has called "Play."

SEC. 4. If a team resorts to dilatory movements to delay the game.

SEC. 5. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, any one of the rules of the game is wilfully violated.

SEC. 6. If, after ordering the removal of a player as authorized by Rule 60, Sec. 5, said order is not obeyed within one minute.

SEC. 7. In case the Umpire declares a game forfeited, he shall transmit a written notice thereof to the President of the League within twenty-four hours thereafter.

NO GAME.

RULE 26. "No Game" shall be declared by the Umpire if he shall terminate play on account of rain or darkness, before five innings on each side are completed, except in a case when the game is called, and the club second at bat shall have more runs at the end of its fourth innings than the club first at bat has made in its five innings, in such case the Umpire shall award the game to the club having made the greatest number of runs, and it shall be a legal game and be so counted in the championship record.

SUBSTITUTES.

RULE 27. SECTION 1. In every championship game each side shall be required to have present on the field, in uniform, one or more substitute players.

SEC. 2. Any such player may be substituted at any time by either club, but a player thereby retired shall not thereafter participate in the game.

SEC. 3. The Base Runner shall not have a substitute run for him except by consent of the Captains of the contesting teams.

CHOICE OF INNINGS—CONDITION OF GROUND.

RULE 28. The choice of innings shall be given to the Captain of the Home Club, who shall also be the sole judge of the fitness of the ground for beginning a game after rain, but after play has been called by the Umpire he alone shall be the judge as to the fitness of the ground for resuming play after the game has been suspended on account of rain.

THE PITCHER'S POSITION.

RULE 29. The Pitcher shall take his position facing the Batsman with both feet square on the ground, and in front of the Pitcher's plate, but in the act of delivering the ball to the bat one foot must be in contact with the pitcher's plate, defined in Rule 8. He shall not raise either foot, unless in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, nor make more than one step in such delivery.

When the Pitcher feigns to throw the ball to a base he must resume the above position and pause momentarily before delivering the ball to the bat.

A FAIRLY DELIVERED BALL.

RULE 30. A Fairly Delivered Ball to the bat is a ball pitched or thrown to the bat by the Pitcher while standing in his position and facing the Batsman, the ball so delivered to pass over any portion of the Home Base not lower than the Batsman's knee, nor higher than his shoulder.

AN UNFAIRLY DELIVERED BALL.

RULE 31. An Unfairly Delivered Ball is a ball delivered by the Pitcher, as in Rule 30, except that the ball does not pass over any portion of the Home Base, or does pass over the Home Base above the Batsman's shoulder or below the knee.

BALKING.

RULE 32. A Balk shall be :

SECTION 1. Any motion made by the Pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it.

SEC. 2. Any delivery of the ball to the bat while his (pivot) foot is not in contact with the Pitcher's plate, as defined in Rule 29.

SEC. 3. Any motion in delivering the ball to the bat by the Pitcher while not in the position defined in Rule 29.

SEC. 4. The holding of the ball by the Pitcher so long as to delay the game unnecessarily.

DEAD BALLS.

RULE 33. A Dead Ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the Pitcher that touches any part of the Batsman's person or clothing while standing in his position without being struck at ; or that touches any part of the Umpire's person or clothing while he is standing on foul ground, without first passing the Catcher.

RULE 34. In case of a Foul Strike, Foul Hit ball not legally caught out, Dead Ball, or Base Runner put out for being struck by a fair hit ball, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is held by the Pitcher standing in his position, and the Umpire shall have called play.

BLOCK BALLS.

RULE 35. SECTION I. A Block is a batted or thrown ball that is touched, stopped or handled by any person not engaged in the game.

SEC. 2. Whenever a Block occurs the Umpire shall declare it, and Base Runners may run the bases without being put out until the ball has been returned to and held by the Pitcher standing in his position.

SEC. 3. In the case of a Block, if the person not engaged in the game should retain possession of the ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the Fielders, the Umpire should call "Time," and require each Base Runner to stop at the last base touched by him until the ball be returned to the Pitcher standing in his position, and the Umpire shall have called "play."

THE BATSMAN'S POSITION—ORDER OF BATTING.

RULE 36. The Batsmen must take their positions within the Batsmen's Lines, as defined in Rule 10, in the order in which they are named in the batting order, which batting order must be submitted by the Captains of the opposing teams to the Umpire before the game, and this batting order must be followed except in the case of a substitute player, in which case the substitute must take the place of the original player in the batting order. After the first inning the first striker in each inning shall be the batsman whose name follows that of the last man who has completed his turn—time at bat—in the preceding inning.

RULE 37. SECTION I. When their side goes to the bat the players must immediately return to the players' bench, as defined in Rule 20, and remain there until the side is put out, except when batsmen or base runners; provided, that the Captain and one assistant only may occupy the space between the Players' Lines and the Captain's Lines, to coach base runners.

SEC. 2. No player of the side "at bat," except when batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the Catcher's Lines, as defined in Rule 3. The triangular space behind the

Home Base is reserved for the exclusive use of Umpire, Catcher and Batsman, and the Umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of or passing between the Pitcher and Catcher, while standing in their positions.

SEC. 3. The players of the side "at bat" must occupy the portion of the field allotted them, but must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or any Fielder attempting to catch or field it.

THE BATTING RULES.

RULE 38. A Fair Hit is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches any part of the person of a player or umpire or falls within the foul lines, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls within the Foul Lines, between Home and First, or Home and Third Bases, without interference by a player.

RULE 39. A Foul Hit is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, any part of the person of a player, or any object behind either of the Foul Lines, or that strikes the person of such Batsman, while standing in his position, or batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls outside the Foul Lines, between Home and First, or Home and Third Bases, without interference by a player: *Provided*, that a Foul Hit ball not rising above the Batsman's head, and caught by the Catcher playing within ten feet of the Home Base, shall be termed a Foul Tip.

RULE 40. A Bunt Hit is a deliberate attempt on the part of the Batsman to hit a ball slowly within the infield so that it cannot be fielded by any infielder in time to retire the batsman.

BALLS BATTED OUTSIDE THE GROUNDS.

RULE 41. When a batted ball passes outside the grounds, the Umpire shall decide it Fair should it disappear within, or Foul should it disappear outside of the range of the Foul Lines, and Rules 38 and 39 are to be construed accordingly.

RULE 42. A Fair batted ball that goes over the fence shall entitle the batsman to a home run, except that should it go over the fence at a less distance than two hundred and thirty-five feet from the Home Base, when he shall be entitled to two bases only, and a distinctive line shall be marked on the fence at this point.

STRIKES.

RULE 43. A Strike is:

SECTION I. A ball struck at by the Batsman without its touching his bat; or

SEC. 2. A Fair Ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, but not struck at by the Batsman.

SEC. 3. Any obvious attempt to make a Foul Hit.

SEC. 4. A Foul Hit, other than a foul tip, made by the Batsman while attempting a bunt hit, as defined in Rule 40, that falls or rolls upon foul ground between Home Base and First Base or Home Base and Third Base.

SEC. 5. A ball struck at, if the ball touches any part of the Batsman's person.

SEC. 6. A ball tipped by the Batsman and caught by the catcher within the 10-foot lines.

RULE 44. A Foul Strike is a ball batted by the Batsman when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of the Batsman's position.

THE BATSMAN IS OUT.

RULE 45. The Batsman is out :

SECTION I. If he fails to take his position at the bat in his order of batting, unless the error be discovered and the proper Batsman takes his position before a time "at bat" recorded ; and in such case the balls and strikes called must be counted in the time "at bat" of the proper Batsman, and only the proper Batsman shall be declared out : *Provided*, this rule shall not take effect unless *the out* is declared before the ball is delivered to the succeeding Batsman, and no runs shall be scored or bases run, and further, no outs shall be counted other than that of the proper Batsman.

SEC. 2. If he fails to take his position within one minute after the Umpire has called for the Batsman.

SEC. 3. If he makes a Foul Hit other than a Foul Tip, as defined in Rule 39, and the ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground, provided it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder, before being caught.

SEC. 4. If he makes a Foul Strike.

SEC. 5. If he attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding or throwing the ball by stepping outside the lines of his position, or otherwise obstructing or interfering with the player.

SEC. 6. If, while the First Base be occupied by a base runner, three strikes be called on him by the Umpire, except when two men are already out.

SEC. 7. If, after two strikes have been called, the Batsman obviously attempts to make a foul hit, as in Rule 43, Section 3.

SEC. 8. If, while attempting a third strike, the ball touches any part of the Batsman's person, in which case base runners occupying bases shall return, as prescribed in Rule 49, Section 5.

SEC. 9. If he hits a fly ball that can be handled by an in-

fielder while first and second bases are occupied, or first, second and third, with only one out.

SEC. 10. If the third strike is called in accordance with Section 4, Rule 43, in such case the Umpire shall, as soon as the ball is hit, declare infield or outfield hit.

BASE RUNNING RULES.

WHEN THE BATSMAN BECOMES A BASE RUNNER.

RULE 46. The Batsman becomes a Base Runner :

SECTION 1. Instantly after he makes a Fair Hit.

SEC. 2. Instantly after four balls have been called by the Umpire.

SEC. 3. Instantly after three strikes have been decided by the Umpire.

SEC. 4. If, while he be a Batsman, without making any attempt to strike, his person—excepting hands or forearm, which makes it a dead ball—or clothing be hit by a ball from the Pitcher ; unless, in the opinion of the Umpire, he intentionally permits himself to be so hit.

SEC. 5. Instantly after an illegal delivery of a ball by the Pitcher.

BASES TO BE TOUCHED.

RULE 47. The Base Runner must touch each base in regular order, viz., First, Second, Third and Home Bases, and when obliged to return (except on a foul hit) must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He shall only be considered as holding a base after touching it, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding Base Runner.

ENTITLED TO BASES.

RULE 48. The Base Runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take the base in the following cases :

SECTION 1. If, while he was Batsman, the Umpire called four balls.

SEC. 2. If the Umpire awards a succeeding batsman a base on four balls, or for being hit with a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery—as in Rule 46, Section 5—and the Base Runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

SEC. 3. If the Umpire calls a “balk.”

SEC. 4. If a ball, delivered by the Pitcher, pass the Catcher and touch the Umpire, or any fence or building within ninety feet of the Home Base.

SEC. 5. If, upon a fair hit, the ball strikes the person or clothing of the Umpire on fair ground.

SEC. 6. If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary.

SEC. 7. If the Fielder stop or catch a batted ball with his hat or any part of his dress.

RETURNING TO BASES.

RULE 49. The Base Runner shall return to his base, and shall be entitled to so return without being put out:

SECTION 1. If the Umpire declares a Foul Tip (as defined in Rule 39), or any other Foul Hit not legally caught by a fielder.

SEC. 2. If the Umpire declares a Foul Strike.

SEC. 3. If the Umpire declares a Dead Ball, unless it be also the fourth Unfair Ball and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 48, Section 2.

SEC. 4. If the person or clothing of the Umpire interferes with the Catcher, or he is struck by a ball thrown by the Catcher to intercept a Base Runner.

SEC. 5. The Base Runner shall return to his base, if, while attempting a strike, the ball touches any part of the Batsman's person.

WHEN BASE RUNNERS ARE OUT.

RULE 50. The Base Runner is out:

SECTION 1. If, after three strikes have been declared against him while Batsman, and the Catcher fail to catch the third strike ball, he plainly attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding the ball.

SEC. 2. If, having made a Fair Hit while Batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground, or any object other than a Fielder: *Provided*, it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap.

SEC. 3. If, when the Umpire has declared three strikes on him while Batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground: *Provided*, it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder, before being caught.

SEC. 4. If, after Three Strikes or a Fair Hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a Fielder *before* he shall have touched First Base.

SEC. 5. If, after Three Strikes or a Fair Hit, the ball be securely held by a Fielder while touching First Base with any part of his person *before* such Base Runner touches First Base.

SEC. 6. If, in running the last half of the distance from Home Base to First Base, while the ball is being fielded to First Base, he runs outside the three-foot lines, as defined in Rule 7, unless to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a Batted Ball.

SEC. 7. If, in running from First to Second Base, from Second to Third Base, or from Third to Home Base, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases, to avoid being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder; but in case a Fielder be occupying the Base Runner's proper

path, in attempting to field a batted ball, then the Base Runner shall run out of the path, and behind said Fielder, and shall not be declared out for so doing.

SEC. 8. If he fails to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner described in Sections 6 and 7 of this Rule; or if he in any way obstructs a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball: *Provided*, that if two or more Fielders attempt to field a batted ball, and the Base Runner comes in contact with one or more of them, the Umpire shall determine which Fielder is entitled to the benefit of this rule, and shall not decide the Base Runner out for coming in contact with any other fielder.

SEC. 9. If, at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy: *Provided*, the ball be held by the Fielder after touching him; but (exception as to First Base), in running to First Base he may overrun said base, without being put out for being off said base, after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, in overrunning First Base, he also attempts to run to Second Base, or, after passing the base he turns to his left from the foul line, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

SEC. 10. If, when a Fair or Foul Hit ball (other than a foul tip as referred to in Rule 39) is legally caught by a Fielder, such ball is legally held by a Fielder on the base occupied by the Base Runner when such ball was struck (or the Base Runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a Fielder), before he retouches said base after such Fair or Foul Hit ball was so caught: *Provided*, that the Base Runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the Pitcher before the Fielder holds it on said base, or touches the Base Runner with it; but if the Base Runner in attempting to reach a base, detaches it before being touched or forced out, he shall be declared safe.

SEC. 11. If, when a Batsman becomes a Base Runner, the First Base, or the First and Second Bases, or the First, Second and Third Bases, be occupied, any Base Runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, until any following Base Runner is put out, and may be put out at the next base or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder in the same manner as in running to First Base, at any time before any following Base Runner is put out.

SEC. 12. If a Fair Hit ball strike him *before touching the Fielder*, and in such case no base shall be run unless forced by the Batsman becoming a Base Runner, and no run shall be scored; or any other Base Runner put out.

SEC. 13. If, when running to a base or forced to return to a base, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases, if any, in the order prescribed in Rule 47, he may be put out at the base he fails to touch, or being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder, in the same manner as in running to First Base: *Provided*, that the Base Runner shall not be out in such case if the ball be delivered to the bat by the Pitcher before the Fielder holds it on said base or touches the Base Runner with it.

SEC. 14. If, when the Umpire calls "Play," after any suspension of a game, he fails to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called before touching the next base: *Provided*, the Base Runner shall not be out in such case if the ball be delivered to the bat by the Pitcher before the Fielder holds it on said base or touches the Base Runner with it.

WHEN BATSMAN OR BASE RUNNER IS OUT.

RULE 51. The Umpire shall declare the Batsman or Base Runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player is put out in accordance with these rules, except as provided in Rule 50, Sections 10 and 14.

COACHING RULES.

RULE 52. The coaches shall be restricted to coaching the Base Runner only, and shall not be allowed to address any remarks except to the Base Runner, and then only in words of necessary direction; and shall not use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposing club, the Umpire or the spectators, and not more than two coaches, who may be one player participating in the game and any other player under contract to it, in the uniform of either club, shall be allowed at any one time. To enforce the above, the Captain of the opposite side may call the attention of the Umpire to the offence, and upon a repetition of the same, the offending player shall be debarred from further participation in the game and shall leave the playing field forthwith.

THE SCORING OF RUNS.

RULE 53. One run shall be scored every time a Base Runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the Home Base before three men are put out. (Exception) If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching First Base, a run shall not be scored.

THE UMPIRE.

RULE 54. The Umpire shall not be changed during the progress of a game, except for reason of illness or injury.

HIS POWERS AND JURISDICTION.

RULE 55. SECTION 1. The Umpire is master of the Field from the commencement to the termination of the game, and is entitled to the respect of the spectators, and any person offer-

ing any insult or indignity to him must be promptly ejected from the grounds.

SEC. 2. He must be invariably addressed by the players as Mr. Umpire; and he must compel the players to observe the provisions of all the Playing Rules, and he is hereby invested with authority to order any player to do or omit to do any act as he may deem necessary to give force and effect to any and all such provisions.

SPECIAL DUTIES.

RULE 56. The Umpire's duties shall be as follows:

SECTION 1. The Umpire is the sole and absolute judge of play. In no instance shall any person, except the Captains of the competing teams, be allowed to address him or question his decisions, and they can only question him on an interpretation of the rules. No manager or any other officer of either club shall be permitted to go on the field or address the Umpire, under a penalty of a forfeiture of a game.

SEC. 2. Before the commencement of a game the Umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed. He shall ask the captain of the home club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and if there are, he shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these rules.

X SEC. 3. The Umpire must keep the contesting nines playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident, injury or rain. He must, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to promptly take their positions in the field as soon as the third man is put out, and must require the first striker of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the fielders are in their places.

SEC. 4. The Umpire shall count and call every "Unfair Ball" delivered by the Pitcher and every "Dead Ball," if also an unfair ball, as a "Ball," and he shall count and call every "Strike." Neither a "Ball" nor a "Strike" shall be counted or called until the ball has passed the Home Base. He shall also declare every "Dead Ball," "Block," "Foul Hit," "Foul Strike" and "Balk," "Infield" or "Outfield Hit," as prescribed in Rule 45, Section 9.

CALLING "PLAY" AND "TIME."

RULE 57. The Umpire must call "Play" promptly at the hour designated by the Home Club, and on the call of "Play" the game must immediately begin. When he calls "Time" play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run or run be scored. The Umpire shall suspend play only for an acci-

dent to himself or a player (but in case of accident to a Fielder "Time" shall not be called until the ball be returned to and held by the Pitcher, standing in his position), or in case rain falls so heavily that the spectators are compelled, by the severity of the storm, to seek shelter, in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and should such rain continue to fall thirty minutes thereafter, he shall terminate the game; or to enforce order in case of annoyance from spectators.

RULE 58. The Umpire is only allowed, by the rules, to call "Time" in case of an accident to himself or a player, a "Block" as referred to in Rule 35, Section 3, or in case of rain, as defined by the rule.

RULE 59. SECTION 1. The Umpire shall remove from the game and the field any player guilty of indecent or vulgar language or conduct, and in addition thereto the player shall be fined the sum of \$25.

RULE 60. SECTION 1. The Umpire is authorized to impose a fine of not less than \$5, nor more than \$10, during the progress of a game, as follows: For the Captain, Coach, or any player of the contesting teams failing to remain within the bounds of his position as defined in these rules. This, however, shall not deprive the Captain of either team from appealing to the Umpire upon a question involving an interpretation of the rules.

SEC. 2. For the disobedience by a player of any order of the Umpire, or any violation of these rules.

SEC. 3. If a player is guilty of a second violation of this rule the Umpire shall impose a fine of \$25 and, in his discretion, order the player from the game and the field. For a third offense the Umpire must positively order the player from the field, and forthwith notify the Captain of the team to which the player belongs that during the continuance of the game he will impose no further fines but instantly remove any player guilty of a violation of any of these rules.

SEC. 4. When the Umpire orders a player from the game he shall also insist upon the player's removal from the field, and suspend play until this order is obeyed.

SEC. 5. Immediately upon notification by the Umpire that a fine has been imposed upon any Manager, Captain or player the Secretary shall forthwith notify the person so fined, and also the club of which he is a member, and in the event of the failure of the person so fined to pay to the Secretary the amount of said fine within five days of notice, he shall be debarred from participation in any championship game until such fine is paid.

FIELD RULES.

RULE 61. No club shall allow open betting or pool-selling upon its ground, nor in any building owned or occupied by it.

RULE 62. No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of the game in addition to the players in uniform, the Manager on each side and the Umpire except such officers of the law as may be present in uniform and such officials of the home club as may be necessary to preserve the peace.

RULE 63. No Umpire, Manager, Captain or player shall address the spectators during the progress of the game, except in case of necessary explanation.

RULE 64. Every club shall furnish sufficient police force upon its own grounds to preserve order, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the visiting club may refuse to play further until the field be cleared. If the ground be not cleared within fifteen minutes thereafter, the visiting club may claim, and shall be entitled to the game by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings have been played).

GENERAL DEFINITIONS.

RULE 65. "Play" is the order of the Umpire to begin the game, or to resume play after its suspension.

RULE 66. "Time" is the order of the Umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day of the game.

RULE 67. "Game" is the announcement by the Umpire that the game is terminated.

RULE 68. An "Inning" is the term at bat of the nine players representing a club in a game, and is completed when three of such players have been put out, as provided in these rules.

RULE 69. A "Time at Bat" is the term at bat of a Batter. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out or becomes a base runner; except when, because of being hit by a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery by the Pitcher, or in case of a sacrifice hit purposely made to the infield which, not being a base hit, advances a base runner without resulting in a put out, except to the Batter, as in Rule 45.

RULE 70. "Legal" or "Legally" signifies as required by these rules.

SCORING.

RULE 71. In order to promote uniformity in scoring championship games the following instructions, suggestions and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

BATTING.

SECTION I. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during game. The time or times when the

player has been sent to base by being hit by a pitched ball, by the Pitcher's illegal delivery, or by a base on balls, shall not be included in this column.

SEC. 2. In the second column should be set down the runs made by each player.

SEC. 3. In the third column should be placed the first base hits made by each player. A base hit should be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground within the foul lines, and out of reach of the Fielders.

When a hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a Fielder in motion, but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches First Base.

When a hit ball is hit so sharply to an infielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the Batsman. In case of doubt over this class of hits, score a base hit, and exempt the Fielder from the charge of an error.

When a ball is hit so slowly toward a Fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the Batsman.

That in all cases where a Base Runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, the Batsman should be credited with a base hit.

When a batted ball hits the person or clothing of the Umpire, as defined in Rule 48, Section 5.

SEC. 4. In the fourth column shall be placed Sacrifice Hits, which shall be credited to the Batsman, who, when no one is out, or when but one man is out, advances a Runner a base by a bunt sacrifice hit, which results in putting out the Batsman, or would so result if the ball were handled without error.

FIELDING.

SEC. 5. The number of opponents put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where a Batsman is given out by the Umpire for a foul strike, or where the Batsman fails to bat in proper order, the put out shall be scored to the Catcher.

SEC. 6. The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in assisting a run out or other play of the kind.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who could complete the play fails, through no fault of the player assisting.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles or assists in any manner in handling the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly, and in such a way that a put-out results, or would result if no error were made by the receiver.

ERRORS.

SEC. 7. An error shall be given in the seventh column for each misplay which allows the striker or base runner to make one or more bases when perfect play would have insured his being put out, except that "wild pitches," "base on balls," bases on the batsman being struck by a "pitched ball," or in case of illegal pitched balls, balks and passed balls, shall not be included in said column. In scoring errors of batted balls see Section 3 of this rule.

SEC. 8. Stolen Bases shall be scored as follows:

Any attempt to steal a base must go to the credit of the Base Runner, whether the ball is thrown wild or muffed by the fielder, but any manifest error is to be charged to the fielder making the same. If the Base Runner advances another base he shall not be credited with a stolen base, and the fielder allowing the advancement is also to be charged with an error. If the Base Runner makes a start and a battery error is made, the runner secures the credit of a stolen base, and the battery error is scored against the player making it. Should a Base Runner overrun a base and then be put out, he shall receive the credit for the stolen base. If a Base Runner advances a base on a fly out, or gains two bases on a single base hit, or an infield out, or attempted out, he shall be credited with a stolen base, provided there is a possible chance and a palpable attempt made to retire him.

EARNED RUNS.

SEC. 9. An earned run shall be scored every time the player reaches the home base unaided by errors before chances have been offered to retire the side.

THE SUMMARY.

RULE 72. The Summary shall contain:

SECTION 1. The number of earned runs made by each side.

SEC. 2. The number of two-base hits made by each player.

SEC. 3. The number of three-base hits made by each player.

SEC. 4. The number of home runs made by each player.

SEC. 5. The number of bases stolen by each player.

SEC. 6. The number of double and triple plays made by each side, and the names of the players assisting in the same.

SEC. 7. The number of men given bases on called balls by each Pitcher.

SEC. 8. The number of men given bases from being hit by pitched balls.

SEC. 9. The number of men struck out.

SEC. 10. The number of passed balls by each Catcher.

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Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS HELD AT THE
FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY,
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13,
1895.

Meeting called to order at 10.20 o'clock A. M.

Present :

N. E. Young, Chairman ; Messrs. Von der Horst, Brush, Soden, Byrne, Von der Ahe and Hart, Directors.

The Secretary presented a tabular statement of championship games won and lost during the season of 1895. On motion the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Baltimore Base Ball Club, of Baltimore, Md., having won the greatest percentage of games in the championship series, is hereby awarded the base ball championship of the United States for the year 1895.

The report of the Treasurer was received and accepted.

The Secretary submitted the appeals of a number of players asking that fines imposed upon them during the season of 1895 be remitted. On motion it was resolved that inasmuch as said fines were imposed in accordance with our rules, this Board does not feel authorized to remit the same.

N. E. YOUNG, *Chairman*.

Signed	J. T. BRUSH,	} <i>Directors.</i>
"	A. H. SODEN,	
"	J. A. HART,	
"	C. H. BYRNE,	
"	CHRIS. VON DER AHE,	
"	H. R. VON DER HORST,	

Annual Meeting of National League.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS HELD
AT THE FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL, NEW YORK,
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1895.

Meeting called to order at 1.35 P. M.

Present:

A. H. Soden and J. B. Billings, representing the Boston Base Ball Association.

C. Von der Ahe and W. M. Hezel, representing the St. Louis Base Ball Association.

Andrew Freedman, representing the National Exhibition Company of New York City.

W. W. Kerr, representing the Pittsburg Athletic Company.

F. De H. Robison, representing the Cleveland Base Ball Company.

Dr. T. H. Stucky and Barney Dreyfuss, representing the Louisville Base Ball Company.

H. R. Von der Horst and Edward Hanlon, representing the Baltimore Base Ball and Exhibition Company.

John I. Rogers and A. J. Reach, representing the Philadelphia Ball Club.

C. H. Byrne and F. A. Abell, representing the Brooklyn Base Ball Club.

J. T. Brush and N. A. Lloyd, representing the Cincinnati Base Ball Club.

J. Earle Wagner, representing the National Washington Base Ball Club.

James A. Hart, representing the Chicago Ball Club.

On motion the reading of minutes of previous meetings was dispensed with.

The report of the Board of Directors was received and accepted.

The League proceeded to consider amendments to the League Constitution, which, as amended, was adopted as follows. (See Constitution.)

On motion, adjourned to meet at 11 A. M. on the following day.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1895.

Meeting called to order at 12 o'clock noon.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Rules Committee, when appointed, are requested to submit to this body an amendment to Rule 59, substantially abolishing the infliction of money fines, and empowering umpires to remove from the game any player, who, after being once cautioned, continues to be guilty of violating any of the Rules, and in case of serious violation to remove him without such caution.

The Secretary was directed to express the thanks of this body to the executors of the estate of the late Harry Wright for their kindness and promptness in carrying out his wishes, as expressed in his last will, that all his base ball and cricket records and effects be presented to the National League.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have prepared a list of all such records and effects, and present the same to the League at the Spring meeting.

The following minute, submitted by Col. Rogers, was unanimously adopted, and the Secretary was directed to spread the same upon the minutes of this organization, and present the family of Mr. Wright with an engrossed copy :

In Memoriam.

HARRY WRIGHT.

It is meet and proper that this organization, at its first session held after the sad event, should formally record the death of Harry Wright, who for almost two years has been our Chief of Umpires, an office created in recognition of his invaluable services to and life-long connection with the national game, an office of which he was the only incumbent, without predecessor or successor.

But beyond this formal duty—which, sanctioned by immemorial custom, would devolve upon the decease of an ordinary associate—we feel that the occasion and the man warrant a personal expression of the profound grief of an immense constituency (trans as well as cis-Atlantic), of which we may be considered the official exponents.

That universal grief found vent not only in the funereal tears and floral tomb offerings, but in the outpourings of saddened hearts and tributes from fond memories that measured their bereavements by depicting the greatness of the man and the loveliness of the friend they had lost.

Had he greatness? Not, perhaps, in its ordinary significance, as worshipped in the glare, glitter and tinsel of public life, accompanied by hurrahs and drums and trumpets, but in its higher meaning he was truly great; great because he was good. Good to every one. Good at all times. Good in word, act and deed. Who can recall one harsh or unkind syllable uttered by Harry Wright? Who can accuse him of one mean or dishonest transaction? When did he ever forget the Golden Rule? How many are the witnesses to his fairness, his impartiality, his effort to do right because it was right, his turning away wrath by the softening of his answers, his silence when he could not praise, his proclivity for smoothing asperities and his preaching his perennial gospel of peace? His positive views and opinions, the deliberate outgrowths of study and experience, were never pressed towards contention or quarrel. And so this man of amiable manners and sympathetic heart, serene-tempered, self-controlled and self-abnegated, so illumined the atmosphere of his surroundings that every one felt the better for the breathing of it and for the guidance of its kindly light.

Hence he was lovable. Hence he had true greatness.

Harry Wright had no enemy. His friends were legion, and included those to whom his voice and form were strangers, but whose name and fame were as household deities. He served in the ranks of the pioneers of base ball, and with its development himself developed into leadership. The impress of his personality is traceable all through its growth to maturity, in its playing rules, on the diamond, in co-operative team work (of which he was the inventor), and in everything that refined and ennobled the greatest of all field sports. It has, therefore, been truly said that so identified was he with the progress and popularity of the game that its history is his biography.

We, therefore, the devisees and inheritors of his precious records, garnered by his life work and love work, in becoming their custodian and in accepting the trust thus conferred on us by his last testament, hereby seal this testament of our love, respect and honor to one who was an exemplar of all that is gentle and good in man, and pure and honest in the realms of sports. Eternal be his memory. *REQUIESCAT IN PACE.*

On motion it was agreed that each club in this League be requested to play one game, on a uniform date, prior to the commencement of the championship season, to be known as Harry Wright's Day, the gross receipts of such games to be devoted to the erection of a monument to the memory of Harry Wright.

On motion a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Brush, Hart and Rogers, were appointed to make all necessary arrangements and have full charge of the details of such games.

The League proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result, viz.:

National Board—N. E. Young, C. H. Byrne, A. H. Soden, John T. Brush.

Directors—H. R. Von der Horst, J. Earle Wagner, Arthur H. Soden, James A. Hart, Dr. Thos. Hunt Stucky and W. W. Kerr.

The following amendments to the National Agreement were adopted. (See National Agreement.)

The President appointed the following named gentlemen as members of the Rules Committee, viz.: Albert J. Reach, Chris. Von der Ahe, Edward Hanlon.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That when this meeting adjourns it adjourn to meet in New York City on Monday, February 24, 1896.

Resolved, That the President of this League is hereby requested and directed in his capacity as a Schedule Committee to so arrange the schedule for the coming season, so far as the same is practicable, that clubs desiring to play ball on Sunday shall be scheduled to commence their series on the first day of the week, so as not to conflict with the interests of clubs not scheduled for Sunday games.

On motion adjourned.

N. E. YOUNG,

President and Secretary.

Reconvened Annual Meeting

OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS, HELD AT THE FIFTH
AVENUE HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY,
FEBRUARY 24, 1896.

Meeting called to order at 3.50 P. M.

Present :

A. H. Soden and W. H. Conant, representing the Boston Base Ball Association.

Walter M. Hezel, representing the St. Louis Base Ball Association.

Andrew Freedman and J. W. Spalding, representing the National Exhibition Company.

D. R. Kerr, representing the Pittsburg Athletic Company.

Edward Hanlon, representing the Baltimore Base Ball and Exhibition Company.

Dr. Thomas Hunt Stucky, representing the Louisville Base Ball Company.

A. J. Reach and John I. Rogers, representing the Philadelphia Ball Club.

James A. Hart, representing the Chicago League Ball Club.

F. A. Abell and Charles H. Byrne, representing the Brooklyn Base Ball Club.

John T. Brush, representing the Cincinnati Base Ball Club.

J. Earle Wagner, representing the National Washington Base Ball Club.

F. De H. Robison, representing the Cleveland Ball Club.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

An amended National Agreement which met the unanimous approval of the National Board was submitted by the said Board. After a full and free consideration and discussion and the adoption of amendments, it was unanimously adopted as follows. (See National Agreement.)

The following amendment to Sec. 9 of Art. 8 of the League Constitution adding the words to said section "Or any violation of the provisions of the National Agreement" was adopted.

On motion adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock A. M. on the following day.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1896.

Meeting called to order at 11.50 A. M.

The Committee on Playing Rules submitted their report, which, as amended, was adopted, as follows. (See Playing Rules.)

The Secretary was instructed to add the following words to Sec. 2, Rule 14: "At no time shall the ball be intentionally discolored by rubbing it with the soil or otherwise."

The unanimous consent was given Mr. Robison to loan the Temple Cup to the Sportsmen's Association of New York for exhibition.

The National Base Ball Club of Washington, D. C., presented the following communication:

"PHILADELPHIA, PA., Feb. 25, 1896.

"*Whereas*, the National Base Ball Club of Washington, D. C., has renewed its charter from a limited term to a perpetual one and is desirous of having a ratification of a transfer of its franchise in this body, in the said rechartered organization;

"*Resolved*, That the National Base Ball Club of Washington, D. C., as newly chartered be and is hereby made a full member of the League with all the rights and privileges formerly held by the said National Base Ball Club."

The above preamble and resolution of the Washington Club was unanimously approved.

Mr. Byrne presented a communication from the business manager of the Sporting News in relation to advertising.

After discussion, it was decided that the League has no jurisdiction over the advertising of individual clubs.

The President was authorized in his discretion to loan the base ball and cricket effects of the late Harry Wright to the

University of Chicago and the Germantown Cricket Club, as per requests of Prof. A. A. Stagg and D. S. Newhall.

The Telegraph Committee submitted their report, which, on motion, was received and laid upon the table, the same not being satisfactory.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Mr. Hart:

Whereas, The object of this organization as expressed in Paragraph 3, Section 2 of its Constitution is "to establish and regulate the Base Ball Championship of the United States," and as all contests for other objects are perfunctory and without the authority of the Constitution, it is

Resolved, That this organization will in no way, shape or manner authorize, approve or lend its moral support to any game or games between the clubs of its membership, except those provided for in the regularly adopted schedule.

On motion, the consideration of the above was postponed.

The communication of the Sporting Life Publishing Company was referred to Messrs. Byrne and Rogers with full power to act.

The Schedule Committee submitted his report, which was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the next annual meeting will be held in Chicago.

The report of the Harry Wright Committee was accepted and the Committee continued.

On motion, the election of the fifth member of the National Board was deferred until the annual meeting.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to obtain designs for the annual souvenir passes for 1896.

The President was authorized and instructed to notify all managers of League Clubs that no passes given by visiting players or managers would be recognized.

No further business appearing, on motion adjourned.

N. E. YOUNG,
President and Secretary.

Officers and Players.

The following is an official list of the officers of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs, and officers and players of clubs, members thereof, for the season of 1896, so far as completed to March, 1896.

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LEAGUE OFFICIAL AVERAGES FOR 1895.

The following tables are those compiled by Secretary N. E. Young of the National League, and they present the best analysis of the season's play in the championship series. It will be seen that the batting record given below places Burkett, of Cleveland, in the lead, with a percentage of .423, which is a few points below that attained by Duffy in 1894. Delehanty, Keeler, Thompson and Hamilton follow in the order named with batting records from .393 to .399. Hofford, of Baltimore, leads the pitchers, with a percentage of games won of .810.

Batting Record

OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE TAKEN PART IN FIFTEEN OR MORE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES—SEASON OF 1895.

NAME.	CLUB	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	1st Bases.	Per cent.	T. E.	S. H.	S. B.
Burkett	Cleveland.....	132	555	149	235	.423	293	7	47
Delehanty	Philadelphia.....	116	481	148	192	.399	299	6	46
Keeler	Baltimore.....	131	560	161	221	.394	291	21	57
Thompson	Philadelphia.....	118	533	131	210	.394	357	2	24
Hamilton	Philadelphia.....	121	517	166	203	.393	253	9	95
Clements	Philadelphia.....	84	324	65	126	.389	194	3	4
Turner	Philadelphia.....	48	209	50	81	.388	108	3	14
Lange	Chicago.....	122	479	120	186	.388	277	9	79
Jennings	Baltimore.....	131	528	159	204	.386	263	28	60
Stenzel	Pittsburg.....	131	520	115	200	.384	285	6	53
Holmes	Louisville.....	39	157	34	60	.382	82	3	12
McGraw	Baltimore.....	93	385	109	144	.374	174	6	69
Kelly	Baltimore.....	131	510	148	189	.370	286	12	59
Brodie	Baltimore.....	130	528	84	193	.365	247	9	36
Everett	Chicago.....	133	553	128	197	.356	240	9	51
Tiernan	New York.....	119	474	128	168	.354	251	5	36
Clarke	Louisville.....	132	556	94	197	.354	241	3	36
Duffy	Boston.....	131	540	113	190	.352	255	16	42
Gumbert	Brooklyn.....	26	93	21	32	.344	45	0	0
McKean	Cleveland.....	132	573	131	197	.344	283	11	16
Sullivan	Philadelphia.....	91	373	75	127	.340	142	10	15
Cooley	St. Louis.....	132	570	106	194	.340	256	2	31
Parrott	Cincinnati.....	47	200	33	68	.340	104	6	10
Truby	Chicago.....	33	118	17	40	.339	43	3	7
Bannon	Boston.....	121	487	101	165	.339	235	12	33
Van Haltren	New York.....	131	517	112	175	.338	252	6	31
Anson	Chicago.....	122	476	88	161	.338	198	13	16
Zimmer	Cleveland.....	83	318	58	107	.336	146	7	12
Grady	Philadelphia.....	33	119	21	40	.336	48	3	5
McCreery	Louisville.....	29	110	19	37	.336	42	2	3
Griffin	Brooklyn.....	132	522	139	175	.335	242	9	27
Maguire	Washington.....	133	539	91	178	.330	258	5	20

BATTING RECORDS—Continued.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	1st Bases.	Per cent.	T. B.	S. H.	S. B.
G. Davis.....	New York.....	110	433	106	143	.330	215	3	1
Miller.....	Cincinnati.....	132	532	103	175	.329	287	7	35
O. Tebeau.....	Cleveland.....	66	277	52	91	.329	119	4	11
Cartwright.....	Washington.....	121	473	95	155	.327	224	4	53
Connor.....	St. Louis.....	104	402	78	131	.326	196	2	8
Dowd.....	St. Louis.....	127	505	97	164	.325	237	4	35
Stocksdale.....	Washington and Boston.....	25	86	15	28	.325	37	1	2
Hawley.....	Pittsburg.....	53	185	33	60	.324	94	3	1
Sheehan.....	St. Louis.....	49	170	25	55	.324	62	4	5
Breckley.....	Pittsburg.....	131	536	105	174	.324	258	15	19
Selbach.....	Washington.....	129	518	116	168	.324	253	6	30
G. Tebeau.....	Cleveland.....	87	325	56	105	.323	129	8	12
Gleason.....	Baltimore.....	107	408	90	132	.323	168	6	26
Ryan.....	Chicago.....	108	443	83	143	.323	201	4	15
Kennedy.....	Brooklyn.....	36	134	20	43	.321	50	1	2
LaChance.....	Brooklyn.....	128	544	104	174	.320	246	3	44
Griffith.....	Chicago.....	39	144	20	46	.319	51	2	3
Long.....	Boston.....	124	540	110	172	.319	238	21	36
Donovan.....	Pittsburg.....	126	522	124	165	.316	200	6	36
Ewing.....	Cincinnati.....	103	439	90	139	.316	220	2	34
Doyle.....	New York.....	78	316	52	100	.316	130	0	33
Hallman.....	Philadelphia.....	124	539	95	170	.315	214	15	16
McGann.....	Louisville.....	17	67	11	21	.313	28	1	7
Childs.....	Cleveland.....	120	461	97	144	.312	179	8	26
Foreman.....	Cincinnati.....	25	93	14	29	.312	47	1	0
Sugden.....	Pittsburg.....	45	155	27	48	.310	56	6	5
Latham.....	Cincinnati.....	110	458	93	142	.310	185	7	45
Cunningham.....	Louisville.....	31	100	14	31	.310	44	0	1
Quinn.....	St. Louis.....	134	550	87	170	.309	218	16	25
Joyce.....	Washington.....	128	476	111	147	.308	252	7	34
Vaughn.....	Cincinnati.....	88	334	59	102	.305	145	4	15
Foutz.....	Brooklyn.....	28	115	13	35	.304	41	2	3
McMahon.....	Baltimore.....	15	63	5	16	.302	17	1	1
Gray.....	Cincinnati.....	47	179	24	54	.301	102	1	2
Holliday.....	Cincinnati.....	31	126	25	38	.301	59	1	6
Lowe.....	Boston.....	99	415	102	125	.301	175	16	21
Anderson.....	Washington.....	24	93	21	28	.301	36	1	0
Wilmot.....	Chicago.....	108	464	86	139	.299	190	10	31
Harrington.....	Boston.....	18	67	21	20	.299	30	2	3
Clarke.....	Baltimore.....	60	229	37	68	.297	86	4	3
Smith.....	Cincinnati.....	127	504	75	150	.297	209	3	15
Nash.....	Boston.....	133	514	98	152	.296	222	11	21
Smith.....	Pittsburg.....	124	492	109	146	.296	192	3	35
Anderson.....	Brooklyn.....	103	425	77	126	.296	165	1	25
Taylor.....	Philadelphia.....	40	152	25	45	.296	67	1	4
Ryan.....	Boston.....	49	193	22	57	.295	66	8	2
McPhee.....	Cincinnati.....	114	434	107	129	.295	201	7	28
O'Connor.....	Cleveland.....	88	338	52	99	.293	129	12	16
Stafford.....	New York.....	123	467	78	137	.293	174	1	37
Lucid.....	Brooklyn and Philadelphia.....	25	82	23	24	.293	35	3	2
Glasscock.....	Washington and Louisville.....	43	178	29	52	.292	62	4	5
Preston.....	Louisville.....	49	195	43	57	.292	73	7	11
McCarthy.....	Boston.....	116	444	89	132	.291	155	15	24

BATTING RECORDS—Continued.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	1st Bases.	Per cent.	T. B.	S. H.	S. E.
McAleer.....	Cleveland.....	132	531	82	154	.291	187	8	39
Crooks.....	Washington.....	118	408	81	119	.291	173	16	35
Decker.....	Chicago.....	70	299	53	87	.291	119	3	9
Lyons.....	St. Louis.....	33	131	23	38	.290	51	1	4
Miller.....	St. Louis.....	123	500	81	145	.290	180	1	18
Hemming.....	Baltimore.....	31	117	19	34	.290	50	1	0
Meekin.....	New York.....	27	93	16	27	.290	41	0	1
Schrivier.....	New York.....	24	93	14	27	.290	34	1	5
T. Daly.....	Brooklyn.....	122	464	97	134	.289	174	10	33
Wright.....	Louisville.....	59	228	31	66	.289	88	2	5
Brouthers.....	Baltimore and Louisville..	29	121	15	35	.289	55	1	1
Peltz.....	St. Louis.....	90	323	43	96	.288	144	2	10
Grimm.....	Brooklyn.....	90	323	52	93	.288	117	5	9
Boyd.....	Washington.....	46	155	28	44	.284	53	0	2
Stein.....	Brooklyn.....	28	99	12	28	.283	34	2	1
Farrell.....	New York.....	89	311	39	88	.283	125	4	14
Cuppy.....	Cleveland.....	40	142	36	40	.282	55	4	3
Reitz.....	Baltimore.....	63	245	46	69	.281	92	9	18
Gettinger.....	Louisville.....	60	249	28	70	.281	97	5	7
Carsey.....	Philadelphia.....	39	139	23	39	.281	40	11	1
Blake.....	Cleveland.....	83	314	50	88	.280	110	12	12
Sweeney.....	Louisville.....	21	86	18	24	.279	32	0	3
Hogriever.....	Cincinnati.....	67	237	61	66	.278	102	4	40
Shindle.....	Brooklyn.....	118	486	92	135	.278	170	6	26
Collins.....	Boston and Louisville.....	104	410	75	114	.278	156	4	14
Corcoran.....	Brooklyn.....	128	541	84	150	.277	200	17	23
Cross.....	Philadelphia.....	124	535	95	148	.277	197	16	19
Tenney.....	Boston.....	42	174	34	48	.276	61	3	6
Grenninger.....	Cleveland.....	19	80	10	22	.275	23	0	1
Abbey.....	Washington.....	133	520	103	143	.275	199	5	30
Hoy.....	Cincinnati.....	107	427	92	117	.274	89	3	50
Dahlen.....	Chicago.....	131	509	107	139	.273	194	5	44
Murphy.....	Cincinnati.....	22	81	15	22	.272	24	1	5
Dwyer.....	Cincinnati.....	32	110	14	30	.272	46	1	2
Luby.....	Louisville.....	15	55	5	15	.272	21	0	2
Carey.....	Baltimore.....	123	483	59	131	.271	165	11	3
Donahue.....	Chicago.....	62	221	29	60	.271	75	3	9
McGarr.....	Cleveland.....	112	423	86	114	.270	137	14	28
Burke.....	New York and Cincinnati..	95	393	90	106	.269	154	4	36
Reilly.....	Philadelphia.....	44	176	30	47	.267	56	11	6
Bannon.....	New York.....	37	158	33	43	.266	51	3	22
Ganzel.....	Boston.....	74	275	39	73	.265	88	5	3
Robinson.....	Baltimore.....	74	287	40	76	.264	102	6	12
Shoch.....	Brooklyn.....	58	217	49	58	.263	82	2	14
Hassamaer.....	Washington and Louisville..	109	464	49	122	.263	154	8	10
O'Brien.....	Louisville.....	128	545	82	143	.262	160	18	9
Tredway.....	Brooklyn.....	85	343	57	90	.262	136	2	13
W. Clark.....	New York.....	22	88	10	23	.261	27	0	1
Clingman.....	Pittsburg.....	108	391	67	102	.261	126	10	19
Ely.....	St. Louis.....	118	466	67	121	.260	147	13	23
Warner.....	Louisville.....	63	231	19	60	.259	72	3	7
Stuart.....	Pittsburg.....	19	77	5	20	.259	23	0	0
Spies.....	Cincinnati and Louisville..	83	330	45	85	.257	120	0	6

BATTING RECORDS—Continued.

NAMES.	CLUB.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	1st Bases.	Per cent.	T. E.	S. H.	S. B.
Dolan.....	Boston.....	23	82	12	21	.256	27	1	3
Merritt.....	Cincinnati and Pittsburg...	87	320	40	83	.256	94	7	4
Shugart.....	Louisville.....	112	477	60	122	.256	176	3	14
Burns.....	New York and Brooklyn...	50	187	28	48	.256	64	1	5
Cross.....	Pittsburg.....	108	395	67	101	.255	151	6	45
Bierbauer.....	Pittsburg.....	119	479	55	122	.255	153	13	19
Buckley.....	Philadelphia.....	29	104	19	27	.255	34	4	1
Kissenger.....	Baltimore and St. Louis.....	25	98	8	25	.255	32	1	1
Tucke.....	Boston.....	126	464	85	118	.254	158	11	17
Rusie.....	New York.....	46	177	14	45	.254	53	0	1
Mercer.....	Washington.....	54	197	28	50	.254	62	5	8
Boyle.....	Philadelphia.....	133	566	89	144	.254	169	20	12
Maul.....	Washington.....	20	71	9	18	.253	25	2	1
Genins.....	Pittsburg.....	64	249	43	63	.253	77	23	16
McGill.....	Philadelphia.....	17	60	7	15	.250	23	1	0
German.....	New York.....	31	106	16	26	.245	35	1	2
Kittredge.....	Chicago.....	58	209	30	51	.244	72	6	7
Stewart.....	Chicago.....	97	364	51	89	.244	137	4	10
Wilson.....	New York.....	62	238	32	58	.243	67	2	7
Inks.....	Louisville.....	25	83	11	20	.241	25	1	0
W. H. Clarke.....	New York.....	32	118	16	28	.237	32	0	2
Hart.....	Pittsburg.....	29	103	8	24	.233	32	3	1
Otten.....	St. Louis.....	24	86	8	20	.233	20	1	1
C. Dailey.....	Brooklyn.....	40	150	20	35	.233	45	3	4
Nichols.....	Boston.....	43	160	23	37	.231	44	1	1
Kinslow.....	Pittsburg.....	17	61	10	14	.230	16	3	1
Rhines.....	Cincinnati.....	32	110	20	25	.227	35	2	0
Fuller.....	New York.....	126	457	82	104	.227	121	7	14
Brown.....	St. Louis & Washington.....	118	490	97	111	.226	152	3	51
Welch.....	Louisville.....	39	147	16	33	.224	43	1	2
Terry.....	Chicago.....	39	139	18	31	.222	41	5	1
Weyhing.....	Lou'ville, Phil. & Pitts.....	27	95	11	21	.221	28	0	0
Knell.....	Cleveland & Louisville.....	18	78	11	17	.218	26	1	2
Daub.....	Brooklyn.....	19	69	8	15	.217	15	0	4
Hoffer.....	Baltimore.....	35	125	22	27	.216	32	3	1
Wallace.....	Cleveland.....	27	97	16	21	.216	29	6	3
Young.....	Cleveland.....	46	144	20	31	.215	28	2	3
Stivett.....	Boston.....	38	152	20	32	.211	45	2	2
Murphy.....	New York.....	47	182	35	38	.209	52	3	3
Ehret.....	St. Louis.....	31	101	13	21	.208	28	3	1
Bonner.....	Baltimore & St. Louis.....	25	97	12	20	.206	28	2	9
Hutchison.....	Chicago.....	32	122	12	25	.205	35	6	0
Coogan.....	Washington.....	21	73	10	15	.203	19	1	1
Breitenstein.....	St. Louis.....	66	221	25	42	.190	44	2	5
Samuels.....	St. Louis.....	22	70	6	13	.186	13	4	5
Sheibeck.....	Washington.....	48	170	18	31	.182	41	4	6
Sullivan.....	Boston & Cleveland.....	26	100	16	17	.170	22	1	3
Espere.....	Baltimore.....	27	89	7	15	.168	17	2	0
Staley.....	St. Louis.....	15	61	4	9	.164	12	2	1
Moran.....	Chicago.....	15	55	8	9	.163	18	0	0
McDermott.....	Louisville.....	26	84	11	13	.155	21	0	1
McDougal.....	St. Louis.....	15	39	1	6	.154	6	0	0
Clarkson.....	Baltimore & St. Louis.....	21	75	10	9	.120	13	3	9

Fielding Record, 1895.

FIRST BASEMEN.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Total Chances.	Per cent.
1	O'Connor.....	Cleveland.....	41	389	32	3	414	.993
2	O. Tebeau.....	Cleveland.....	52	507	23	4	534	.992
3	Carey.....	Baltimore.....	121	1129	43	11	1183	.990
4	Anson.....	Chicago.....	122	1172	67	14	1253	.989
	{ Connor.....	St. Louis.....	104	957	63	17	1037	.984
5	{ Hassamaer.....	Washington and St. Louis	33	287	20	5	312	.984
	{ Cartwright.....	Washington.....	121	1097	93	19	1209	.984
6	{ Welch.....	Louisville.....	17	169	10	3	182	.983
	{ LaChance.....	Brooklyn.....	125	1295	52	23	1370	.983
7	G. Tebeau.....	Cleveland.....	39	403	23	8	434	.982
8	Spies.....	Cincinnati and Louisville.	47	453	16	9	478	.980
9	W. Clark.....	New York.....	22	214	14	5	233	.979
10	Beckley.....	Pittsburg.....	131	1375	57	31	1463	.978
11	Ewing.....	Cincinnati.....	103	948	83	24	1055	.977
12	Tucker.....	Boston.....	126	1161	83	50	1274	.976
13	Boyle.....	Philadelphia.....	133	1247	51	34	1332	.974
14	Doyle.....	New York.....	57	591	34	21	646	.968
15	Brouthers.....	Baltimore and Louisville.	29	255	14	10	279	.964
16	Bannon.....	New York.....	16	164	11	9	184	.951

SECOND BASEMEN.

1	Lowe.....	Boston.....	99	261	346	27	634	.957
2	Crooks.....	Washington.....	118	336	364	33	733	.956
3	Bierbauer.....	Pittsburg.....	119	279	411	39	729	.949
4	Hallman.....	Philadelphia.....	124	296	387	38	721	.947
5	Quinn.....	St. Louis.....	134	356	395	43	794	.946
6	Truby.....	Chicago.....	33	95	96	11	202	.945
7	O'Brien.....	Louisville.....	125	302	405	43	750	.943
8	{ Daly.....	Brooklyn.....	122	327	359	46	732	.937
	{ Reitz.....	Baltimore.....	46	116	136	17	269	.937
9	McPhee.....	Cincinnati.....	114	354	365	38	757	.936
10	Childs.....	Cleveland.....	120	335	394	55	784	.930
11	Harrington.....	Boston.....	18	47	56	9	112	.919
12	Stewart.....	Chicago.....	97	251	291	49	591	.917
13	Gleason.....	Baltimore.....	85	207	256	42	505	.911
14	Stafford.....	New York.....	109	246	335	58	639	.909

THIRD BASEMEN.

1	Cross.....	Philadelphia.....	124	184	297	36	517	.936
2	Collins.....	Boston and Louisville.....	75	128	185	30	343	.915
3	Shindle.....	Brooklyn.....	118	149	263	41	453	.909
4	{ Grenninger.....	Cleveland.....	18	25	37	7	69	.898
	{ Nash.....	Boston.....	133	199	252	51	502	.898
5	Davis.....	New York.....	87	121	162	33	316	.895
6	McGarr.....	Cleveland.....	108	130	223	44	397	.889
7	Gray.....	Cincinnati.....	25	39	54	12	105	.886
8	Clingman.....	Pittsburg.....	108	148	256	53	457	.884
9	Reitz.....	Baltimore.....	47	19	28	5	42	.881

THIRD BASEMEN—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Total Chances.	Per cent.
10	McGraw.....	Baltimore.....	93	100	238	46	384	.880
11	Genins.....	Pittsburg.....	15	23	41	9	73	.877
12	Lyons.....	St. Louis.....	33	61	53	16	130	.877
13	Latham.....	Cincinnati.....	107	123	203	48	374	.871
14	Farrell.....	New York.....	25	29	50	12	91	.868
15	Everett.....	Chicago.....	130	175	264	72	511	.859
16	Joyce.....	Washington.....	127	187	234	73	494	.852
17	Miller.....	St. Louis.....	42	48	66	23	137	.832
18	Preston.....	Louisville.....	24	27	44	22	93	.763
19	Samuels.....	St. Louis.....	19	22	33	19	74	.743
20	Bonner.....	Baltimore and St. Louis..	21	17	26	18	61	.705

SHORT STOPS.

1	Jennings.....	Baltimore.....	131	425	460	53	938	.943
2	Corcoran.....	Brooklyn.....	128	305	496	60	861	.930
3	Ely.....	St. Louis.....	118	247	415	50	712	.930
4	Smith.....	Cincinnati.....	127	253	458	57	768	.926
5	Stuart.....	Pittsburg.....	17	36	62	9	107	.916
6	Fuller.....	New York.....	126	270	491	71	832	.914
7	McKean.....	Cleveland.....	132	256	432	67	755	.911
8	Dahlen.....	Chicago.....	131	290	533	84	907	.907
9	Glasscock.....	Louisville and Washingt'n	38	84	155	26	265	.902
10	Reilly.....	Philadelphia.....	31	49	103	17	169	.899
11	Long.....	Boston.....	124	295	407	80	782	.898
12	Sheibeck.....	Washington.....	44	97	152	30	279	.892
13	Cross.....	Pittsburg.....	108	267	327	75	669	.888
14	Sullivan.....	Philadelphia.....	87	186	271	61	518	.882
15	Shugart.....	Louisville.....	85	184	253	63	500	.874
16	Coogan.....	Washington.....	16	36	50	30	116	.741

OUTFIELDERS.

1	Hassamaer.....	Washington and Louisville	72	96	4	2	102	.980
2	Griffin.....	Brooklyn.....	131	361	20	11	392	.972
3	Murphy.....	New York.....	32	57	4	2	63	.968
4	Shoch.....	Brooklyn.....	39	72	6	3	81	.963
5	Wright.....	Louisville.....	59	128	4	5	137	.963
6	Thompson.....	Philadelphia.....	118	188	32	9	229	.961
7	Brodie.....	Baltimore.....	130	301	20	11	332	.961
8	McAleer.....	Cleveland.....	132	349	16	16	381	.958
9	Keeler.....	Baltimore.....	131	248	19	11	278	.957
10	Holliday.....	Cincinnati.....	31	60	3	3	66	.954
11	Donovan.....	Pittsburg.....	126	189	13	10	212	.953
12	Sheehan.....	St. Louis.....	38	52	8	3	63	.952
13	Duffy.....	Boston.....	131	327	21	20	368	.946
14	Delehanaty.....	Philadelphia.....	100	230	29	15	274	.945
15	Tiernan.....	New York.....	119	181	8	12	201	.943
16	Tenney.....	Boston.....	25	41	6	3	50	.940
17	Kelley.....	Baltimore.....	131	258	21	18	297	.939
18	Hogriever.....	Cincinnati.....	64	175	11	12	198	.939
19	Brown.....	Washingt'n and Louisville	118	274	16	19	306	.938
20	Miller.....	Cincinnati.....	132	245	28	21	294	.928

OUTFIELDERS—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Total Chances.	Per cent.
18	Dowd.....	St. Louis.....	113	230	14	20	264	.924
19	Lange.....	Chicago.....	122	298	32	29	356	.919
20	Hamilton.....	Philadelphia.....	121	310	12	29	351	.917
	{ Genins.....	Pittsburg.....	27	54	0	5	59	.915
21	Cooley.....	St. Louis.....	125	325	21	32	378	.915
	Collins.....	Boston and Louisville...	26	49	5	5	59	.915
	Gettinger.....	Louisville.....	60	124	3	12	139	.914
22	Selbach.....	Washington.....	118	288	20	29	337	.914
23	Stenzel.....	Pittsburg.....	131	260	20	27	307	.912
24	{ Ryan.....	Chicago.....	108	159	16	17	192	.911
	Burns.....	New York and Brooklyn...	49	85	8	9	102	.911
25	Blake.....	Cleveland.....	83	120	12	13	145	.910
26	Wilmoth.....	Chicago.....	108	224	17	24	265	.909
27	Abbey.....	Washington.....	133	278	30	32	340	.906
28	Burke.....	New York and Cincinnati	95	215	14	24	253	.905
	{ Clarke.....	Louisville.....	132	338	25	41	404	.899
29	{ Van Haltren.....	New York.....	131	256	28	32	316	.899
30	Preston.....	Louisville.....	25	45	7	6	58	.897
31	Burkett.....	Cleveland.....	132	274	18	35	327	.893
32	Smith.....	Pittsburg.....	124	255	16	32	303	.891
33	Bannon.....	New York.....	21	32	8	5	45	.889
	{ Foutz.....	Brooklyn.....	20	28	3	4	35	.886
34	{ McCarthy.....	Boston.....	108	203	23	29	255	.886
35	Shugart.....	Louisville.....	27	63	5	9	77	.883
36	G. Tebeau.....	Cleveland.....	47	55	2	8	66	.879
37	Bannon.....	Boston.....	121	208	29	33	270	.878
38	Anderson.....	Brooklyn.....	103	211	11	31	253	.877
39	{ Hoy.....	Cincinnati.....	107	233	13	35	281	.875
	Treadway.....	Brooklyn.....	85	117	9	18	144	.875
40	{ Decker.....	Chicago.....	55	101	4	16	121	.868
	Turner.....	Philadelphia.....	48	93	6	15	114	.868
41	Holmes.....	Louisville.....	28	39	8	9	56	.839
42	Sweeney.....	Louisville.....	21	25	2	7	34	.794
43	Miller.....	St. Louis.....	21	29	3	10	42	.762
44	Boyd.....	Washington.....	17	18	0	6	24	.750

CATCHERS' RECORD.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Passed Balls.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
1	Dailey.....	Brooklyn.....	38	130	29	5	2	166	.958
2	{ Robinson.....	Baltimore.....	74	242	77	7	9	335	.952
	Clements.....	Philadelphia.....	84	283	74	7	11	375	.952
3	Ganzel.....	Boston.....	71	352	69	18	9	448	.939
4	Zimmer.....	Cleveland.....	82	313	76	9	19	417	.932
5	Clarke.....	Baltimore.....	57	175	64	10	9	258	.926

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CATCHERS' RECORD—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Passed Balls.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
6	Grimm.....	Brooklyn.....	89	247	108	20	9	384	.924
	Kittredge.....	Chicago.....	58	194	49	7	13	263	.924
7	Peltz.....	St. Louis.....	70	257	83	22	7	369	.921
	Tenney.....	Boston.....	18	64	18	1	6	89	.921
8	McGuire.....	Washington.....	132	412	177	33	23	650	.906
9	Farrell.....	New York.....	62	258	72	18	18	366	.902
10	Murphy.....	Cincinnati.....	32	71	18	8	2	99	.899
11	Warner.....	Louisville.....	61	197	52	15	14	278	.896
12	Vaughn.....	Cincinnati.....	75	264	83	23	18	388	.894
13	Miller.....	St. Louis.....	44	163	46	16	9	234	.893
14	Otten.....	St. Louis.....	22	75	15	6	5	101	.891
15	Buckley.....	Philadelphia.....	29	151	27	17	5	200	.890
16	Wilson.....	New York.....	51	230	87	23	20	360	.889
17	Spies.....	Cincinnati & Louisville...	36	131	51	21	4	207	.879
18	Sugden.....	Pittsburg.....	45	179	57	23	11	269	.877
19	Merritt.....	Cincinnati & Pittsburg...	84	314	82	35	31	452	.876
	Kinslow.....	Pittsburg.....	17	68	10	3	8	89	.876
20	Ryan.....	Boston.....	43	170	47	10	21	248	.875
21	Donohue.....	Chicago.....	62	234	52	28	13	327	.874
22	Grady.....	Philadelphia.....	32	99	7	9	7	122	.869
23	O'Connor.....	Cleveland.....	47	130	46	13	16	205	.859
24	Schriver.....	New York.....	18	69	22	10	6	107	.850
25	Welch.....	Louisville.....	22	76	31	14	8	129	.752
26	Moran.....	Chicago.....	15	49	21	18	11	99	.707

PITCHERS' RECORD IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games played.	Games won, exclusive of tie games.	Av. runs scored per game.	Av. runs earned per game.	Per cent. of base hits off pitcher.	Bases given on called balls.	No. struck out.	Per cent. fielding chances acc pt'd.
Anderson.....	Washington.....	24	.390	8.38	4.04	.326	89	31	.906
Breitenstein.....	St. Louis.....	51	.449	5.86	3.11	.258	169	131	.900
Carsey.....	Philadelphia.....	40	.625	6.72	3.30	.313	113	59	.800
Clarke.....	New York.....	33	.531	5.45	2.60	.286	58	68	.864
Clarkson.....	St. Louis & Baltim're	23	.478	6.04	3.31	.306	84	32	.805
Cunningham.....	Louisville.....	28	.371	6.64	2.77	.309	100	47	.882
Cuppy.....	Cleveland.....	40	.589	5.35	2.50	.276	93	94	.884
Daub.....	Brooklyn.....	19	.631	7.05	2.94	.281	50	28	.894
Dolan.....	Boston.....	23	.600	6.17	2.91	.225	71	56	.898
Dwyer.....	Cincinnati.....	33	.545	6.00	3.00	.300	73	43	.902
Ehret.....	St. Louis.....	29	.310	7.62	5.10	.329	87	55	.772
Esper.....	Baltimore.....	24	.310	5.16	2.71	.270	75	39	.869

PITCHERS' RECORD—Continued.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games played.	Games won, exclusive of tie games.	Av. runs scored per game.	Av. runs earned per game.	Per cent. of base hits off pitcher.	Bases given on called balls.	No. struck out.	Per cent. fielding chances acc't'd.
Foreman.....	Pittsburg.....	16	.563	5.19	1.87	.269	60	55	.814
Foreman.....	Cincinnati.....	22	.429	7.00	3.09	.291	83	61	.843
German.....	New York.....	20	.400	7.60	3.40	.321	74	34	.933
Griffith.....	Chicago.....	39	.658	6.28	2.77	.397	88	83	.888
Gumbert.....	Brooklyn.....	26	.461	7.00	3.65	.310	65	43	.916
Hart.....	Pittsburg.....	29	.517	6.51	2.59	.384	138	85	.790
Hawley.....	Pittsburg.....	51	.592	4.70	2.21	.304	113	140	.843
Hoffer.....	Baltimore.....	37	.810	3.92	1.86	.322	121	78	.933
Hemming.....	Baltimore.....	31	.709	4.93	3.03	.345	96	44	.852
Hutchison.....	Chicago.....	33	.437	6.93	3.43	.312	118	93	.823
Inks.....	Louisville.....	25	.280	7.28	3.08	.352	65	43	.843
Kennedy.....	Brooklyn.....	36	.734	5.50	3.61	.288	102	41	.847
Kissenger.....	Balt'more & St. Louis	17	.312	9.52	5.63	.303	53	32	.935
Lucid.....	Brooklyn & Phila...	25	.560	6.80	3.48	.300	109	83	.793
Maul.....	Washington.....	16	.625	4.18	1.94	.272	32	34	.913
Meekin.....	New York.....	27	.629	6.29	3.40	.233	68	76	.775
Mercer.....	Washington.....	37	.388	7.62	4.34	.333	91	86	.825
McDermott.....	Louisville.....	22	.238	9.00	3.41	.260	100	43	.689
McGill.....	Philadelphia.....	16	.625	6.12	3.75	.265	72	59	.867
McMahon.....	Baltimore.....	15	.714	3.60	2.00	.233	31	36	.771
Nichols.....	Boston.....	44	.681	4.82	2.54	.265	82	146	.884
Parrott.....	Cincinnati.....	30	.400	6.93	3.50	.328	79	53	.861
Rhines.....	Cincinnati.....	31	.660	5.97	2.93	.283	76	69	.813
Rusie.....	New York.....	45	.533	5.42	2.55	.248	159	199	.811
Staley.....	St. Louis.....	17	.351	7.53	4.29	.298	34	27	.903
Stein.....	Brooklyn.....	28	.534	6.25	3.21	.290	92	56	.833
Stivett.....	Boston.....	31	.631	6.21	3.42	.285	92	162	.867
Stocksdale.....	Wash. & Boston.....	21	.381	7.52	3.61	.316	58	30	.885
Sullivan.....	Cleveland & Boston.	25	.520	6.72	3.36	.317	79	47	.646
Taylor.....	Philadelphia.....	40	.625	6.32	3.20	.276	87	84	.944
Terry.....	Chicago.....	37	.567	6.00	2.57	.269	133	93	.820
Wallace.....	Cleveland.....	27	.560	6.11	2.71	.274	89	64	.863
Weyhing.....	Lou'ville & Pitts'g...	27	.296	8.00	4.07	.304	79	60	.776
Young.....	Cleveland.....	45	.777	3.91	1.71	.283	74	121	.932

A TESTIMONIAL TO PRESIDENT N. E. YOUNG.

At the annual Spring Meeting of the National League, held in New York Feb. 26, 1896, President Young was the recipient of a handsome silver Gorham service of 226 pieces, costing \$4,700, as a tribute for "Uncle Nick's" twenty-fifth anniversary of his connection with the national game. President Byrne of the Brooklyn club introduced President Soden of the Boston club, who made the presentation speech. President Soden said:

"Time, in its onward march, brings to every permanent organization some important occasion, recalling some notable event that deserves especial attention. Such an eventful period has come to our association, and we are assembled at this time to congratulate Mr. Young and celebrate with him the fact that for twenty-five consecutive years he has served professional base ball as its valued secretary, its truthful historian and the trustworthy keeper of its records.

"I remember, as it were yesterday, my first meeting with Secretary Young, and the warm grasp of his hand and his cordial words of welcome impressed me most favorably, and I am happy to state that nearly twenty years of continued association with him has confirmed the correctness of my first impressions and increased my estimate of his ability and worth. And, I presume, because of this long acquaintance with Mr. Young, I have been asked to make a brief address commemorative of the silver anniversary of Secretary Young's official connection with professional base ball.

"What I am about to say I feel certain will voice the sentiments of this organization, of which Mr. Young is now both Secretary and President, and will just as truly represent the feelings of hundreds of ball players and thousands and thousands of the general public, who are patrons of the national game, which Mr. Young has done so much to elevate and protect.

"It is not my purpose to attempt any eulogy of Mr. Young or to endeavor to extol his many virtues. He has made his own record and no words of mine can add new lustre to the brilliancy of that record. Permit me, however, to state that in Mr. Young we have an accomplished gentleman, courteous and affable, a faithful and conscientious official, a wise counselor, an able diplomat, an honest man and one of God's noblemen. To know Mr. Young is to hold him in high repute, and wherever he is known he stands forth a conspicuous example of honesty and integrity.

"And now to our worthy Secretary, whom we delight to honor on this anniversary day, I have a few words of special import. It gives me great pleasure, Mr. Young, in behalf of the National League and American Association of Base Ball Clubs, to ask you to accept this solid silver service and with it a burglar proof safe in which it may be securely kept, as an evidence of our high appreciation of your efficient efforts during the past twenty-five years to promote the best interests of base ball, and we ask you to accept these gifts also as a personal tribute of our great esteem and profound respect for you as a gentleman.

"We unite in the sincere wish that for many years you may look back upon this occasion with pleasurable emotions, and that each time you make use of this service it may reaffirm to you our lasting confidence and enduring friendship."

NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE.

SEASON OF 1896.

CLUBS.	In Boston.	In Brooklyn.	In New York.	In Philadel'a	In Baltimore	In Wash'ton.	In Pittsburg.	In Cleveland	In Cincinnati	In Louisville	In Chicago	In St. Louis
Boston...	June 23, 24, 25 Aug. 15, 17, 18	July 3, 4, 4 Sept. 19, 21, 22	Apr. 25, 27, 28 Sept. 9, 10, 12	Apr. 16, 17, 18 May 25 Aug. 8, 10	Apr. 21, 22, 23 Sept. 15, 16, 17	June 30 July 1, 2 Sept. 24, 25, 26	May 14, 15, 16 July 13, 14, 15	May 21, 22, 23 July 16, 17, 18	May 4, 5, 6 July 23, 24, 25	May 7, 8, 9 July 6, 7, 8	May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 July 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 10, 11	May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 July 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 10, 11
Brooklyn.	June 23, 24, 25 Aug. 15, 17, 18	July 3, 4, 4 Sept. 19, 21, 22	Apr. 25, 27, 28 Sept. 9, 10, 12	Apr. 16, 17, 18 May 25 Aug. 8, 10	Apr. 21, 22, 23 Sept. 15, 16, 17	June 30 July 1, 2 Sept. 24, 25, 26	May 14, 15, 16 July 13, 14, 15	May 21, 22, 23 July 16, 17, 18	May 4, 5, 6 July 23, 24, 25	May 7, 8, 9 July 6, 7, 8	May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 July 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 10, 11	May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 July 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 10, 11
New York	June 15, 16, 17 Aug. 12, 13, 14	June 18, 20, 26 Aug. 1, 8, 10	Apr. 25, 27, 28 Sept. 9, 10, 12	Apr. 16, 17, 18 May 25 Aug. 8, 10	Apr. 21, 22, 23 Sept. 15, 16, 17	June 30 July 1, 2 Sept. 24, 25, 26	May 14, 15, 16 July 13, 14, 15	May 21, 22, 23 July 16, 17, 18	May 4, 5, 6 July 23, 24, 25	May 7, 8, 9 July 6, 7, 8	May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 July 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 10, 11	May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 July 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 10, 11
Phila- delphia.	June 26, 27, 28 Aug. 12, 13, 14	June 18, 20, 26 Aug. 1, 8, 10	Apr. 25, 27, 28 Sept. 9, 10, 12	Apr. 16, 17, 18 May 25 Aug. 8, 10	Apr. 21, 22, 23 Sept. 15, 16, 17	June 30 July 1, 2 Sept. 24, 25, 26	May 14, 15, 16 July 13, 14, 15	May 21, 22, 23 July 16, 17, 18	May 4, 5, 6 July 23, 24, 25	May 7, 8, 9 July 6, 7, 8	May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 July 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 10, 11	May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 July 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 10, 11
Baltimore	Apr. 20, 30 May 2, 2, 2, 2 July 1, 1, 1, 1 Aug. 28, 29, 30	June 15, 16, 17 Aug. 12, 13, 14	Apr. 25, 27, 28 Sept. 9, 10, 12	Apr. 16, 17, 18 May 25 Aug. 8, 10	Apr. 21, 22, 23 Sept. 15, 16, 17	June 30 July 1, 2 Sept. 24, 25, 26	May 14, 15, 16 July 13, 14, 15	May 21, 22, 23 July 16, 17, 18	May 4, 5, 6 July 23, 24, 25	May 7, 8, 9 July 6, 7, 8	May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 July 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 10, 11	May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 July 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 10, 11
Wash- ington.	June 19, 20, 22 Aug. 5, 6, 7	June 18, 20, 26 Aug. 1, 8, 10	Apr. 25, 27, 28 Sept. 9, 10, 12	Apr. 16, 17, 18 May 25 Aug. 8, 10	Apr. 21, 22, 23 Sept. 15, 16, 17	June 30 July 1, 2 Sept. 24, 25, 26	May 14, 15, 16 July 13, 14, 15	May 21, 22, 23 July 16, 17, 18	May 4, 5, 6 July 23, 24, 25	May 7, 8, 9 July 6, 7, 8	May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 July 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 10, 11	May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 July 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 10, 11

CLUBS.	In Boston.	In Brooklyn.	In New York.	In Philadel'a	In Baltimore.	In Wash'ton.	In Pittsburg.	In Cleveland.	In Cincinnati	In Louis'e	In Chicago.	In St. Louis
Pitts- burg.	May 26, 27, 28 Aug. 22, 24, 25	June 8, 9, 10 Aug. 19, 20, 21	June 11, 12, 13 Sept. 5, 7, 7	June 4, 5, 6 Sept. 2, 3, 4	June 1, 2, 3 Aug. 20, 31 Sept. 1	May 29 July 6, 7 Aug. 26, 27, 28	June 22, 23, 24 Aug. 7, 8, 10	Apr. 16, 17, 18 July 30, 31 Aug. 1	Apr. 25, 26, 27 May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 27, 28, 29 Oct. 24, 25, 26	June 25, 26, 27 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 27, 28, 29 Oct. 24, 25, 26	June 30, 31 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 27, 28, 29 Oct. 24, 25, 26
Cleveland	May 29, 30, 31 Sept. 5, 7, 7	June 11, 12, 13 Sept. 2, 3, 4	May 26, 27, 28 Aug. 24, 25, 31, Sept. 1	June 8, 9, 10 Aug. 26, 27, 28	June 4, 5, 6 Aug. 20, 31 Sept. 1	June 1, 2, 3 Aug. 26, 27, 28	Apr. 25, 27, 28 Aug. 14, 15, 17	Apr. 21, 22, 23 May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 27, 28, 29	June 15, 16 Sept. 24, 25, 26	June 15, 16 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 27, 28, 29 Oct. 24, 25, 26	Apr. 16, 17, 18 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 27, 28, 29 Oct. 24, 25, 26
Cincin- nati.	June 11, 12, 13 Aug. 19, 20, 21	June 4, 5, 6 Sept. 5, 7, 7	June 8, 9, 10 Sept. 2, 3, 4	June 1, 2, 3 Aug. 20, 31, Sept. 1	May 29, 30, 31 Aug. 26, 27, 28	May 26, 27, 28 Aug. 22, 24, 25	July 3, 4, 4 Sept. 14, 15, 16	April 29 May 1, 2 Sept. 19, 21, 22	May 8 June 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	June 25, 26, 27 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 27, 28, 29 Oct. 24, 25, 26	June 25, 26, 27 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 27, 28, 29 Oct. 24, 25, 26
Louisville	June 1, 2, 3 Aug. 29, 31 Sept. 1	May 26, 27, 28 Aug. 22, 24, 25	June 29, 30, 31 Aug. 26, 27, 28	June 11, 12, 13 Aug. 19, 20, 21, Sept. 1	June 8, 9, 10 Aug. 26, 27, 28	June 4, 5, 6 Sept. 2, 3, 4	Apr. 27, 28, 29 Sept. 19, 21, 22	June 25, 26, 27 Aug. 11, 12, 13	Apr. 19 May 24, 25, 26, 27 Aug. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	June 25, 26, 27 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 27, 28, 29 Oct. 24, 25, 26	June 25, 26, 27 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 27, 28, 29 Oct. 24, 25, 26	Apr. 16, 17, 18 July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sept. 27, 28, 29 Oct. 24, 25, 26
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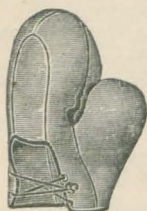
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Spalding's Catchers' Mitts.



No. 7/O.

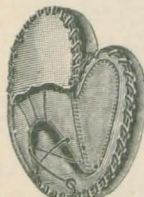
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